

City ambulance rates increase; audit report given

By KIP CHEEK  
Staff writer

MENDOTA—Ambulance rate changes and the audit report were among the items handled by the Mendota City Council at its Jan. 17 regular meeting.

Alderman Kyle Kim presented new ambulance rates, which were approved by the council. Effective with the passage of the ordinance, ambulance rates increase by \$50 over all levels of transport for Mendota city and rural residents, and also non-residents.

Alderman John Holland presented the audit report for fiscal year 2021, which will be placed on file. The auditing firm indicated there were no disagreement or difficulties with the audit process, and it was a clean audit, which is what to strive for. It was noted that the FY21 General Fund has an accounted fund balance of \$2.2 million.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police Chief Greg Kellen gave an extended report on business and happenings with the department.

He said there are now 18 surveillance cameras in the downtown area, 20 at the police department and 12 at the fire department. He indicated the cameras are absolutely instrumental to public safety and are of exceptional quality.

New uniforms have arrived for police department personnel and are now in use. Kellen said there have been very positive comments from the officers on the quality of the new uniforms.

The police department has one full-time officer assigned to the area drug task force, TRIDENT, and three part-time highway interdiction team members. Year-end seizures for 2021, for both street work and interdiction, are as follows: Over 600 pounds of cannabis-street value \$1.2 million; 16,043 grams cocaine-street value \$1.6 million; 2,250 grams heroin-street value \$225,000; 17,783 grams meth-street value \$1.4 million; plus over \$550,000 in purported illicit drug funds (cash) seized.

Kellen said members of the police department are required by the general assembly to undergo firearm simulator training. There are no places in the area to perform this training. Kellen said the police department will purchase a DART Artificial Intelligence 3D Shooting Simulator at a cost of \$12,300, to be purchased

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Snow-eating machine

Guy Vonhoff, head custodian at Mendota Elementary District 289, stays warm and dry in his snowblower as he clears the sidewalk at Northbrook School on Jan. 16 prior to classes resuming the next day. After a brief shot of milder air, more winter-like temperatures will invade the area as the calendar marches on toward the end of January. As of now, the 10-day forecast does not call for any additional snow accumulations. (Reporter photo)

MHS to continue community COVID testing, vaccine clinics

SHIELD tests proving highly effective

By BONNIE MORRIS  
Editor

MENDOTA – Superintendent Jeff Prusator presented data on Mendota High School's COVID SHIELD Testing at the start of second semester. Reporting at the Jan. 17 District 280 Board of Education meeting, he said 312 tests were given to students and staff on Jan. 4, and there were 59 positives, which was higher than expected. But he pointed out that without the testing, it could have been much worse because many people are asymptomatic and the virus could have spread much more.

"I'm really glad the board chose to have this testing," Prusator added. "They made the decision last year when numbers were down, before Delta and Omicron, but it has allowed us to continue holding classes in-person. This is the most important thing we did and I wish all students would participate."

Prusator admitted that he was concerned whether the high school would have enough staff to stay open, but emphasized that as long as enough staff are available, they will continue in-person.

son. "Our mitigations have worked and we believe it's best for students to be in school," he said.

Under current guidelines, Prusator said anyone who tests positive must quarantine for five days. If their symptoms are improving or gone, they can return to school on day six, but must properly wear a mask at all times for the next five days.

MHS has also hosted free community testing with large turn outs. Prusator said two weeks ago, 198 SHIELD saliva tests were given and last week 150 were administered. The next community testing will be on Friday, Jan. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon and as long as the demand is there, Friday testing will continue. (For more information, visit the Mendota Township High School Facebook page or phone the school at 815-539-7446.)

In addition, the high school hosted a vaccination clinic on Jan. 14. A total of 83 people received either first or second doses, or their booster vaccine. A second vaccination clinic will be held on Friday, Feb. 4 from

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Taxpayers can begin filing taxes on January 24

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Internal Revenue Service announced that the nation's tax season will start on Monday, Jan. 24, when the tax agency will begin accepting and processing 2021 tax year returns.

The Jan. 24 start date for individual tax return filers allows the IRS time to perform programming and testing that is critical to ensuring IRS systems run smoothly. Updated programming helps ensure that eligible people can claim the proper amount of the Child Tax Credit after comparing their 2021 advance credits and claim any remaining stimulus money as a

Recovery Rebate Credit when they file their 2021 tax return.

"Planning for the nation's filing season process is a massive undertaking, and IRS teams have been working non-stop these past several months to prepare," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "The pandemic continues to create challenges, but the IRS reminds people there are important steps they can take to help ensure their tax return and refund don't face processing delays. Filing electronically with direct deposit and avoiding a paper tax return is more important than ever this year. And we urge extra attention to those who received an Economic Impact Payment or an advance Child Tax Credit last year. People should make sure they report the correct amount on their tax return to avoid delays."



The IRS encourages everyone to have all the information they need in hand to make sure they file a complete and accurate return. Having an accurate tax return can avoid processing delays, refund delays and later IRS

notices. This is especially important for people who received advance Child Tax Credit payments or Economic Impact Payments (American Rescue Plan stimulus payments) in 2021; they will need the amounts of these payments when preparing their tax return. The IRS is mailing special letters to recipients, and they can also check amounts received on IRS.gov.

Like last year, there will be individuals filing tax returns who, even though they are not required to file,

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Dixon's Demmer joins race for state treasurer's office

By BETH HUNSDORFER  
Capitol News Illinois

DIXON – State Rep. Tom Demmer, R-Dixon, announced he will run for state treasurer. If he wins the Republican Party nomination, he likely would face two-term incumbent Mike Frerichs, who is seeking reelection.

In the announcement, Demmer pledged to oppose tax increases and bring greater transparency to state spending.

"Unfortunately, in Springfield right now, the politicians' answer to every

problem is higher taxes and more spending," Demmer said in a statement. "We know Springfield politicians won't change overnight, but we can take an important first step by electing a proven fiscal watchdog as state treasurer. As treasurer, I'll be on the side of Illinois families working to protect their hard-earned dollars and shining a light



T. Demmer

on how our tax dollars are spent."

Demmer, 35, has served as state representative since 2013, serving a district comprised of portions of DeKalb, LaSalle, Lee and Ogle counties in northern Illinois. Demmer serves as deputy minority leader and has been the Republicans' point person on state fiscal issues.

Frerichs countered with a statement welcoming Demmer to the race and warning voters that Demmer would undo years of progress and represent big-business interests.

**"Unfortunately, in Springfield right now, the politicians' answer to every problem is higher taxes and more spending."**

—State Rep. Tom Demmer

Demmer attacked Frerichs for supporting income tax hikes, including a proposed tax on retirement income. Frerichs pointed to success in creating college saving plans, a retirement plan that travels with workers, and returning more than \$1 billion in unclaimed property.

"Tom Demmer opposed

every reform I have championed as treasurer, even when other Republicans were on our side," said Frerichs, who has held the office since 2015. "He does not have the conviction to fight for Illinois families, and he does not

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Arellano announces campaign for state representative in 74th Dist.

DIXON – City of Dixon Mayor Liandro “Li” Arellano, Jr. announced his candidacy in the Republican primary for State Representative in Illinois’ newly redrawn 74th Legislative District. State Representative Tom Demmer was mapped into the 74th District, but has announced he will be forgoing re-election to instead run for State Treasurer. The Primary Election will be held on June 28, 2022.



**Arellano**

Arellano is a combat Veteran and small business owner who successfully ran for mayor of Dixon after the massive \$54 million corruption of Dixon Comptroller Rita Crundwell was exposed. Arellano and an all-new council took over in 2015 and immediately implemented a “100 Day Agenda” that laid out top priorities. In the years since, they have set up a new form of government (approved via voter referendum), improved financial oversight, restructured or eliminated positions and departments, and implemented new infrastructure goals. They did this while

capping property taxes at inflation, getting pension debt under control, and resisting new taxes.

“Many politicians talk about the need to fight corruption and implement spending reforms. I’ve actually done it, and that’s exactly what Springfield needs,” he said.

As a businessman and entrepreneur, Arellano understands how problems in state policy make Illinois a challenging place to run a company and create jobs.

“I’m going to Springfield to address stifling bureaucracy and high property taxes. I’ve seen the damage they cause, both as a businessman and as a mayor,” said Arellano.

He cited high taxes, government corruption and rising crime rates as issues that he wants to tackle immediately in Springfield. His long-term goals include addressing pension debt and reducing property taxes by eliminating unfunded mandates on local governments.

Arellano also has considerable

military experience. He has served his country with honor during three overseas deployments as an Army Engineer, including two in the Iraq combat zone. He believes the courage and values he gained in the military will serve him well in Springfield.

“My military leadership and combat experience made me into the strong leader our district deserves down in Springfield,” said Arellano. “I cannot be intimidated, I cannot be bought, and I am a fighter who is truly passionate about battling corruption. We need fiscal responsibility and true reform so that our children do not inherit the financial and ethical mess we currently have in Springfield.”

Arellano and his high school sweetheart, Jamie, have four children ranging in age from 3 to 11. He describes them as his motivation for his public service. He and his wife own Jimmy John’s restaurants in Dixon and Rock Falls, and he is also the majority owner of the Frosted Spoon Frozen Yogurt in Rock Falls.

The new 74th legislative district will include parts of Lee, Whiteside, Ogle, DeKalb, and LaSalle counties.

## Blackstone School Report

**Stacy Kelly, Principal**

We’ve had a great start back to school after winter break. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and their time together with family. The students and staff got back into their schedules and routines pretty quickly.

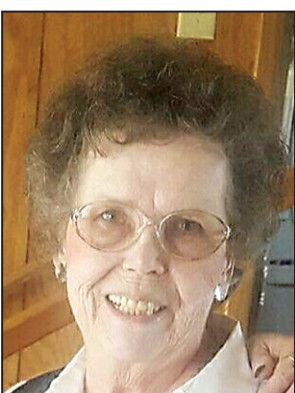
The students nominated for the Principal Award the week of Jan. 3 were Parker Watson, Abel Gonzalez, Yelaina Escatel, Madi Hayward, Brynlee Carden and Max Perez. The winners were Renata Falcon, Mateo Gonzalez, Fernando Sandoval and Ruby Diaz-Santos.

The students nominated for the Principal Award the week of Jan. 10 were Trevor Thiele, Josef Trulson, Sofia Rivera, Jonah Randolph, Ava Kelly, Abel Olivas Liam Christmann, Santiago Raya and Rob Bailey. The winners were Thomas Feurer, Isaiah Perez, Shayne Full and German Toribio. Congratulations to all of our student winners!

The December pizza lunch was held this past week. The students invited to the lunch were Micah Farley, Jay’Cion Ventura, Ruben Calamaco, Angel Figueroa, Derrick Skaggs, Addilyn Swope, Christian Ruiz, Finley Bonnell, Gulianna Salinas, Jeannella Borelli, Carly Smith and Jaxson Holley. The students enjoyed celebrating at their lunch. A picture of the winners is on this page.

As a reminder to our families, please don’t forget that if your child or anyone in the family is feeling sick, your child must stay home from school. Please call the office to report who is sick and we will guide you with instructions on how/when your child can return to school. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation with this as we want to keep our staff, students and families safe and we want to keep our buildings open for in person learning.

District 289 does weekly Shield Testing for Covid. This is a simple and quick saliva test that students can take each week to make sure they are not positive for Covid. Parents are able to see results online. If you would like to get your child signed up for the program, please contact the school.



**Sondgeroth**

## J. Sondgeroth to celebrate 80th birthday

MENDOTA – The family of JoAnne (Whipple) Sondgeroth would like to honor her with a card shower for her 80th birthday on Jan. 23, 2022. Greetings may be sent to: JoAnne Sondgeroth, 2100 Guiles Ave., Mendota, IL 61342.



## Blackstone Principal Award Pizza Lunch

Blackstone School recently held their Principal Award pizza lunch for the month of December. Students chosen for December were, front row left to right, Micah Farley, Jay’Cion Ventura, Ruben Calamaco, Angel Figueroa, Derrick Skaggs and Addilyn Swope; back row, Christian Ruiz, Finley Bonnell, Gulianna Salinas, Jeannella Borelli, Carly Smith and Jaxson Holley. Students were honored by having a pizza lunch with their principal, Stacy Kelly. (Photo contributed)

## LaSalle Library: ¡Excelente! ¡Tienes libros en español!

LA SALLE - Estamos encantados de anunciar que, a través de una subvención de la Biblioteca del Estado de Illinois, pudimos comprar nuevos títulos en español y español / inglés para colecciones de jóvenes, adultos

jóvenes y adultos.

La charla sobre el libro registrada en esta publicación presenta catorce de los nuevos títulos. Nos gustaría agradecer a Perla Escatel por proporcionar la traducción de la grabación.

## Great! You have books in Spanish!

LA SALLE - The LaSalle Public Library is thrilled to announce that, through a grant from the Illinois State Library, they were able to purchase new Spanish and Spanish/English titles for Youth, Young Adult and Adult collections. The

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# LOCAL AND AREA



The Blackwood Brothers

## LaMoille church to host free Gospel concert, Jan. 23

LaMOILLE – The Blackwood Brothers Gospel Quartet will present a free concert at Community United Methodist Church in LaMoille on Sunday, Jan. 23 at 4 p.m. The church is located at 73 N. Main St. An offering will be taken.

The Blackwood Brothers Quartet was formed in 1934 with brothers Roy, Doyle, James and Roy's son, R.W. In the late 1950s, Roy and Doyle retired from traveling and in 1954 R.W. was killed in a tragic airplane crash. However, the quartet, with James as the quartet's leader and spokesman, established a new group of singers who would go on to take Gospel music to new heights as they traveled and sang in all 50 of the United States, every Canadian province as well as cities in Great Britain, Europe, the Middle East, Northern Africa, South Africa, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, South Korea, Hong Kong and the Philippines.

In 2002, James Blackwood went to be with the Lord, but his sons, Jimmy (James Jr.) and Billy have continued the 80-year tradition. Recently, Jimmy retired after singing for 49 years and his younger brother, Billy now carries on the quartet, which has the distinction of being the best-known name in Gospel music history.

## Spanish

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recorded book talk in this post features 14 of the new titles. The library expressed their appreciation to Perla Escatel for providing the translation for the recording.

A video is available at <https://www.facebook.com/LaSal-lePublicLibrary/videos/425396932654966>.

## CARL'S QUIZ

Which Winter Olympic sports were originally part of the Summer Olympics?

The answer to last week's quiz is: Missing from the top New Years resolutions list in 2022 was 'Stop drinking/drink less.'

Answer next week in The Mendota Reporter and online at [www.mendotareporter.com](http://www.mendotareporter.com)

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## Transportation committee to meet via Zoom

MENDOTA-The Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) - Region 3 - Transportation Committee will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 28 via Zoom. Region 3 includes Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle and Putnam counties.

Individuals with an interest in public transportation are strongly encouraged to attend, especially human service organizations serving individuals who use public transportation.

The Regional Transportation Committee is responsible for the development and implementation of the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP). HSTP identifies transportation needs and develops solutions to improve transportation services for the general public. An emphasis is placed on seniors, people with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and veterans.

For more information, please e-mail [info.@ncicg.org](mailto:info.@ncicg.org) or call (815) 433-5830 for the login information.



## Lincoln School R.E.A.C.H. Award - December

The following Lincoln School students were nominated by their teacher to receive the R.E.A.C.H. Award for the month of December: Sophia McLain, Krew Knaff, Ruben Celis, Jacob, Lengsfeld, Nina Escatel, Olivia Ultch, Julian Arteaga, Aldo Loya, Taylor Erlenborn, Samantha Frechmann, Kennie Stremlau, Viridianna Perez, Elyse Waldron, and Kaylee McLain. Please note: Not all students chosen for December are pictured, and some of the students pictured are from previous months due to absences. (Photo contributed)

## HOLY CROSS HONOR ROLL - 2ND QUARTER

MENDOTA-Holy Cross School in Mendota has announced their 2nd Quarter honor rolls for the 2021-22 school year.

### 8<sup>th</sup> High Honor Roll

Addyson Allensworth, Maren Atherton, Alex Beetz, Anna Cyrocki, Laylie Denault, Dane Doyle, Mae Hagenbuch, Brody Hartt, Alex Holland, Addisyn Jones, Grady Jones, Gabriella Lewis, Peri Manning, Breanna Martinez, Kooper Novak, Lily Soliman, Ryan Soliman, Joseph Stewart, Aden Tillman.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Honor Roll

Josh Shakespeare, Nick Sheridan.

### 7<sup>th</sup> High Honor Roll

Emily Diaz, Elaina Koch, Kara Miars, Alexandrew

Tillman.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Honor Roll

Nolan Hagenbuch, Abbie Kreiser, James Whitmore, Carter Wujek.

### 6<sup>th</sup> High Honor Roll

Komen Denault, Corbin Doll, Karson Doyle, Bear Fitzpatrick, Leah Henkel, Kaylee MacDonald, Gaby Martinez, Kamilah Preciado, Maddox Rosales, Elsie Soliman, Ross Sondgeroth, Cole Tillman, Charley Wilson.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Honor Roll

Hayley Diaz, Shea Kreiser, Abby Magallanes, Ashlynn Rickels.

### 5<sup>th</sup> High Honor Roll

Raegan Atherton, William Aughenbaugh, Eva Beetz, Joseph Cackley, Abigail Delao, Elesea Denk, Damien Dissell, Cal Doyle, Quinn Eddy, Liam Jones, Catherine Moench, Kyla Muhlstadt, Yulissia Quintana.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Honor Roll

Claire Atherton.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade B.U.G. Roll

Sophia Figueroa, Linda MacDonald, Camden Pawlowski.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade B.U.G. Roll

Samantha Escatel, Scout

Fitzpatrick, Henry Happ, Paul Hochstatter, Sofia Lemus, Marley Pelka, Brooklyn Shakespeare, Ally Tillman, Jaxon Zimmerlein.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade B.U.G. Roll

Bridget Cackley, Carissa Doll, Zoe Gott, Noah Mathe-sius, Juliana Ortiz.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade B.U.G. Roll

McKenna Faber, Alexia Lerma, Jase Reppin.

### Kindergarten B.U.G. Roll

Stella Beetz, Sydney Beetz, Natalia Chavez, Rory Eich, Zaden Greer, Gabby Hernandez, Emmersen Pill-er, Karissa Weber.

## Mendota Weather

Jan. 19, 2022

### Seven Day Forecast

**Wednesday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 18 Low: -2

**Thursday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 9 Low: -4

**Friday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 17 Low: 9

**Saturday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 25 Low: 8

**Sunday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 18 Low: 2

**Monday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 20 Low: 3

**Tuesday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 19 Low: 4

### In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 18°, humidity of 74%. West northwest wind 19 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 55° set in 1996. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday night with an overnight low of -2°. Northwest wind 13 to 17 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach -19°. The record low for Wednesday night is -24° set in 1994.

### Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	19	5	27/11	0.00"
Tuesday	40	7	27/11	0.00"
Wednesday	41	28	27/11	0.00"
Thursday	39	27	27/11	0.00"
Friday	33	28	27/11	0.00"
Saturday	25	12	27/11	0.00"
Sunday	26	5	27/11	0.00"

### Regional Cities

City	Wednesday Hi/Lo Wx	Thursday Hi/Lo Wx
Aurora	24/1 mc	21/0 s
Champaign	31/6 mc	26/5 s
Chicago	27/6 mc	24/5 pc
Freeport	17/-4 pc	12/-7 s
Joliet	26/4 mc	21/2 s
Moline	17/-4 pc	14/-8 s
Peoria	26/1 mc	21/0 s
Rockford	17/-2 pc	13/-5 s
Springfield	29/3 mc	24/3 s

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Last 1/25	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First 2/8
	Wednesday	7:18 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	6:38 p.m.	8:43 a.m.	
	Thursday	7:17 a.m.	4:57 p.m.	7:44 p.m.	9:12 a.m.	
	Friday	7:17 a.m.	4:58 p.m.	8:50 p.m.	9:38 a.m.	
	Saturday	7:16 a.m.	4:59 p.m.	9:56 p.m.	10:02 a.m.	
	Sunday	7:15 a.m.	5:01 p.m.	11:04 p.m.	10:25 a.m.	
New 2/1	Monday	7:15 a.m.	5:02 p.m.	Prev Day	10:48 a.m.	Full 2/16
	Tuesday	7:14 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	12:13 a.m.	11:14 a.m.	

### Local UV Index

0-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

### UV Index

0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

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### Weather Trivia

If the air is cold and dry, what type of snow is made?

Answer: Powder.

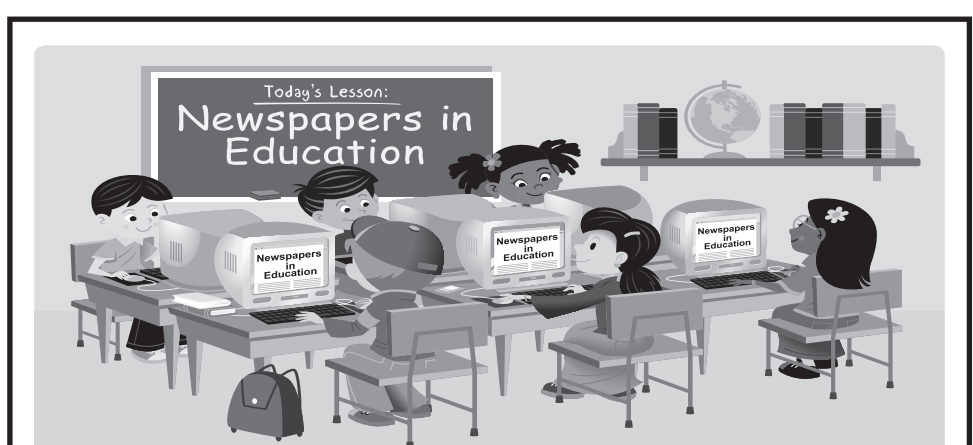
### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated snow, highest temperature of 45 in Lexington Park, Md. The Southeast will experience partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated showers, highest temperature of 74 in Cudjoe Key, Fla. The central United States will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 79 in McAllen, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 56 in Myrtle Point, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 74 in El Centro, Calif.

### Weather History

**Jan. 19, 1987** - A storm tracking toward the northeastern United States produced up to 14 inches of snow in northern Indiana. Peru, Ind. reported a foot of snow. Six cities in Florida reported new record high temperatures for the date.

**Jan. 20, 1943** - Strange vertical antics took place in the Black Hills of South Dakota. While the temperature at Deadwood was a frigid 16 degrees below zero, the town of Lead, just a mile and a half away, but 600 feet higher in elevation, reported a balmy 52 degree reading.



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# OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

## Danielle E. Bernard

MENDOTA - Danielle E. Bernard, 38, of Mendota passed away Jan. 15, 2022.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. Cremation rites will follow and private burial will be at Precinct Cemetery, Earlville in the spring.

Danielle was born Feb. 2, 1983 in Mendota to William and Brenda (Brown) Neighbor.

Survivors include her mother, Brenda Brown of Mendota; two sons, Jay Pelka and Chawn Vasquez, Jr., both of Mendota; one daughter, Nevaeh Bernard of Mendota; one brother, Dustin Neighbor of Mendota; and her maternal grandmother, Joann Brown of Mendota.

She was preceded in death by her father, her maternal grandfather and her paternal grandparents.

Danielle was general manager of Little Caesar's Pizza in Peru. She loved nature and being outdoors. She loved her children more than anything. She will be remembered for her sense of humor.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).

## Christine A. Banks

MENDOTA - Christine A. Banks, 85, of Mendota passed away Jan. 13, 2022 at Advocate Sherman Hospital in Elgin.

Mass of Christian burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 19 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Peterstown with Rev. Jeff Windy officiating. Burial was at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery. Visitation was from 4 to 6 p.m. on Jan. 18 at the Wasmer Funeral Home, Mendota. Pallbearers were Eric Garrett, Brandon, Dusty, Taylor, Bruce and Andrew Banks.

Christine was born Jan. 5, 1937 in Mendota to Harry J. and Helen (Moyer) Klein. She married William R. Banks on Feb. 15, 1958 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. He preceded her in death on May 6, 1981.

Survivors include three sons, Bruce (Cathy Jo) Banks of Troy Grove, Andrew "Andy" (Hazel) Banks of Princeton and William "Bill" Banks of Mendota; two daughters, Cynthia "Cindy" Banks of Mendota and Mary Kathleen "Kathy" Pelayo of Rochelle; 14 grandchildren, Brandon (Brooke), Dustin (Christina), Taylor (Christine), James (Darci), and Greg (Kayla) Banks, Eric Garrett, Elena (Walter Jennings) Pelayo, Celia Christine and Melinda Pelayo, Laura Clark, Rachael (Oscar) Barona, Peggy, Sabrina and Jessica Turner; 11 great-grandchildren, Dexter, Jasper, Owen, Carson and Cash Banks, Royce Garrett, Isaac Eagleston, Maxwell, Mitchell and Liam Bates, Justin Clark, Sofia and Alicia Barona, Jordan and Brittany Clark, Leyah Turner, Thomasina and Thasmine Smith, and Isabella Eagleston; three great-great-grandchildren, Emma Jennings, Jenella Smith and Jade Turner; and a sister, Joan Winstead of Mendota.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, David Klein in 2015 and John Klein in 2018; a sister, Deloris in infancy; and a stepson, Richard Banks in 2001.

Christine attended Peterstown Grade School and Mendota Township High School, graduating in 1955. During her work career, she held many different positions. After graduating from high school, she worked at the Faber Hotel, the Kastures Restaurant, Mendota Trouser Factory, and Gibson (later known as Pamida). After her husband passed in 1981, she drove semis for different companies, traveling throughout the entire United States. She later owned the Banks Ceramic Shop, known as KB Ceramics in Mendota, along with her children. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, reading, crafts and card playing. She was a 4-H Leader, a member of CD of A, and belonged to Holy Cross Church.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice or to the family. Condolences may be left at [wasmerfuneralhome.com](http://wasmerfuneralhome.com).

## Stacy M. Aden

LA MOILLE - Stacy May Aden, 49, of DePue, passed away Jan. 13, 2022 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center, Rockford.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20 at Community United Methodist Church, LaMoille with Rev. David Jungnickel officiating. Cremation rites will follow and private burial will be at later date. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until time of time of services on Thursday at the church. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Stacy was born May 23, 1972 in LaSalle. She married John Aden on March 29, 1999.

Survivors include her loving husband and best friend, John of DePue; two sons, Jacob (Michelle) Aden of LaSalle and Jonathan (Samantha) Aden of Bloomington; one daughter, Stephanie (Adam) Combites of Beaufort, S.C.; one brother, C.J. Manahan of Magnolia; two sisters, April (John) Yucus of Ladd and Amanda (Brian) Moisant of LaSalle; a grandson, Atticus Combites; one aunt, Nancy Stasik; her dogs, Pickles, Simon, Rosie, Minnie and Izzy; several nieces and nephews; and many "adopted" children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Donna.

Stacy May was the happiest when she was taking care of her family as a wife, mother and grandmother. She loved to make large meals for the family to gather around. Her years of running a restaurant and bar paid off when she got to proudly pass down her mixology creations and secrets. She loved taking road trips with her husband to find pawn shops and antique stores adding along to her glassware and cookie jar collections. Some of her favorite road trips led her to beaches and warmer weather. On an afternoon when she wasn't working, you could probably find her just driving her car listening to the country radio station. She was a 1990 graduate of Tonica High School and received an Associate degree in Applied Science from Illinois Valley Community College. She was a member of the LaMoille Lions Club.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).

## Germaine A. McGill

MENDOTA - Germaine A. McGill, 93, of Mendota passed away Jan. 10, 2022 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 13 at Holy Cross Church, Mendota with Father Peter Pilon officiating. Burial was at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 14 at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Visitation was from 9:30-11 a.m. on Jan. 13 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota.

Germaine was born July 13, 1928 in Chicago to James and Mary (Slapak) Plotz. She married Alvin McGill on Nov. 19, 1949 in Cicero. He preceded her in death in 2007.

Survivors include one daughter, Janice Janowicz of Warrenville; two sons, Thomas McGill of Warrenville and James (Carol) McGill of Mendota; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two sisters, Eleanore and Marion.

Germaine was a member of Holy Cross Church. Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).

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## Cast announced for Stage 212's "The Marvelous Wonderettes"

LA SALLE - Stage 212 takes a musical trip down memory lane to the tune of over 30 classic '50s and '60s hits with their winter 2022 production of Roger Bean's smash Off-Broadway hit "The Marvelous Wonderettes."

"The Marvelous Wonderettes" introduces four girls at the 1958 Springfield High School prom, four friends with hopes and dreams as big as their crinoline skirts, singing about their lives and loves through classic '50s hits.

In Act II, the Wonderettes reunite to perform at their 10-year reunion, reminiscing about the highs and lows of the past decade, and finding that no matter what life throws their way, they will conquer it together.

Featured in the cast are Kaitlin Ernst as Cindy Lou, Dawn Cardwell as Betty Jean, Samantha Farbas as Suzy and Sarah Breyne as Missy.

Production staff includes director/set designer Joey Santos, co-producers Scot Smigel and Zoe Peshel, music director Kevin Alleman, assistant director Doug Bartelt, choreographer Deana Brown, stage manager Zoe Piano, set builders Scot Smigel, Dominic Passini, and cast and crew, assistant assis-

tant director and wig master Tyler Reviglio, costumers Joel Stevenor and Melanie Maskel, prop co-ordinators Joey Santos and Dominic Passini, lighting designer/operator Yvette Lucas, lighting assistant Dominic Passini, and sound operator Andrew Paden.

"The Marvelous Wonderettes" will be presented Feb. 4-6 and 10-13 at Stage 212, 700 First St., LaSalle. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. except the Sunday matinees, which begin at 2 p.m.

Tickets will be available to the general public for \$20 each beginning Jan. 24 and may be purchased by visiting the box office Monday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon or by calling (815) 224-3025 during the same hours. Tickets may also be purchased online by visiting [stage212.org](http://stage212.org).

Masks will be required in the building for all performances, and Stage 212 will follow IDPH guidelines for Phase 5. A limited number of socially distanced seats will be available for the Saturday, Feb. 5 performance by calling the box office.

"The Marvelous Wonderettes" is presented by special arrangement with Stage Rights ([www.stagerights.com](http://www.stagerights.com)).

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### WTU Graduation

MACOMB - Natalie Landgraf of Mendota earned a Master of Business Administration degree at Western Illinois University Macomb/Moline. She was among 178 graduates to earn a Master's degree after the fall 2021 semester.

### SNHU President's List

MANCHESTER, N.H. - Garret Patti of Compton has been named to the Southern New Hampshire University fall 2021 President's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who earn a minimum grade-point average of 3.70 and above are included. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in the fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits

in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

### UW-Whitewater scholarship

WHITEWATER, Wis. - Mia Artman of Mendota, who is studying music at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, is among the scholarship recipients for the 2021-22 academic year. Artman won the Chancellor Scholars scholarship.

"On behalf of the UW-Whitewater Foundation we send our deepest congratulations to this year's scholarship winners, who represent the very best in academic, co-curricular and service excellence across all of our colleges and departments," said Sandy Dunst, interim president of the UW-Whitewater Foundation. "Over the years, many

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**LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:**  
Planter at Restland Cemetery  
Winner - Carissa Doll

## Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Mendota Elementary Schools: Community Consolidated School District #289.

I. A public hearing was held to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for County of LaSalle School District #289 for 2021 on December 22, 2021 at 6:30pm at 1806 Guiles Ave, Mendota, IL 61342

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2020 were \$5,219,800.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$5,649,425. This represents an 8.23% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 were \$1,007,584,

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 are \$1,013,210. This represents a 0.54% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2020 were \$6,227,384.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$6,662,635. This represents a 6.99% increase over the previous year.



# LOCAL AND AREA

## MHS

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7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. “The only downside of the last clinic is it was only for people 12 and above,” Prusator said.

He explained that the pediatric vaccine for 5-11 year olds requires different paperwork and the high school already has its hands full. “When we announced the vaccination clinic, we got a lot of calls from parents wanting to get their younger kids vaccinated, so the need is there,” Prusator said. “If someone else in the community could host a clinic for 5-11 year olds, it’s needed. We’ve done our part with testing and clinics – we’re tapped out.”

### PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Principal Denise Aughenbaugh recognized two students, Faith Anderson and Jacob Ensor, for qualifying for the annual Illinois Music Education Association (IMEA) awards. Anderson earned honors for All State Chorus and Ensor earned All State Orchestra. They will attend the 2022 IMEA in Peoria Jan. 26-31.

• Aughenbaugh said credit retrieval will be offered to seniors in the spring so they can graduate on time.

• Freshman students who need intense math tutoring will be able to receive assistance from Sylvan. Aughenbaugh said the learning lapses for several of these students is significant, and noted that she has struggled to have their families communicate with her but will continue trying.

• The spring musical this year will be “Cinderella.”

• Freshman registration will be virtual again this year. Aughenbaugh noted that school counselors, Mitch Landgraf and Rachel Tarr, said last year’s virtual registration went very well and they recommend continuing it permanently.

• The board approved Tom Corrigan as an additional volunteer coach for boys’ tennis.

### SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

• Prusator reported on the ESSER II and ESSER III grants, which provide funding to help schools compensate for pandemic-related issues. While the ESSER II could be spent for anything pandemic-related, the ESSER III must be divided into more specific areas, which makes it more complicated. Some of the areas include additional counseling services, summer school, after-school programs, and addressing learning loss. “We’re trying to look ahead on how we spend this money, but we have until FY 24 to spend it, so it will change,” he said.

• The board passed the second reading of IASB Board Policy updates.

The next regular board of education meeting will be held at the high school on Monday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m.

### Paul Simon essay contest now open to IVCC students

OGLESBY – The submission period for Illinois Valley Community College’s 2022 Paul Simon Student Essay Contest is open.

The student who best describes “How IVCC has changed my life” will win \$300 and read their essay at the May 14 commencement.

All currently enrolled full- or part-time IVCC students are eligible. Essays must be 500 words or less and be submitted as an attachment to Community\_Relations@ivcc.edu. Deadline is noon Monday, Feb. 14.

The winning essay will be entered into the Illinois Valley Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA) statewide contest. One submission will be chosen for a \$500 award.

Contact Fran Brolley at (815) 224-0466 or fran\_brolley@ivcc.edu for information.

## COVID surge prompts multiple state responses

By PETER HANCOCK  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – A continuing sharp spike in COVID-19 cases being driven by the omicron variant has pushed the state’s hospital capacity to its limits and is prompting the state to bring in additional health care workers from other states and countries.

Gov. JB Pritzker said that more than 2,000 additional health care workers have been deployed throughout the state in hospitals hit hard by the surge.

“This current wave of COVID is causing more people to get sick than ever before in the pandemic,” Pritzker said. “And the vast majority of the serious illnesses and deaths are among the unvaccinated.”

“We have never had this many COVID patients in the hospital at any point in the pandemic. Not in spring of 2020; not in the winter of 2020,” IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said, noting that the previous pandemic record was 6,175, set in November 2020.

“But as difficult as this moment is, there will be an end to it,” Pritzker said. “We have all the necessary tools for prevention, and we are nearer than ever to having everything we need to detect and treat the disease to keep even the most vulnerable people alive. I can’t say enough about how extraordinary our hospitals and our health care heroes have been throughout this pandemic.”

Pritzker said the state was taking several actions to bolster its health care workforce, such as allowing out-of-state health care providers to continue practicing in Illinois with expanded permissions to care for all patients, not just COVID-19 patients.

In addition, doctors trained in other countries



have been given permission to provide assistance to licensed physicians in Illinois. And out-of-state providers, including physicians, nurses and mental health providers, are being allowed to provide telehealth services to patients in Illinois if they have a pre-existing provider-patient relationship.

Meanwhile, Pritzker issued an executive order spelling out protocols that schools now need to follow whenever a student or school employee tests positive for COVID-19.

Consistent with the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the order requires infected individuals, regardless of their vaccination status, to be excluded from school premises for a minimum of five days and a maximum of 10 days following the onset of symptoms or the date of their test.

Schools also must exclude students or employees who come in close contact with an infected person for a minimum of five days after their exposure, and those individuals must continue to wear a mask at all times around others, including when outdoors, for an additional five days after they return to school.

The surge in COVID-19 cases has also resulted in other state actions.

House and Senate leaders in the General Assembly announced that they were canceling in-person session days next week, although committees will continue to meet remotely.

“Given the recent COVID-19 numbers, this is not the time to bring hundreds of people together inside the Capitol,” Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, said in a statement. “Through our remote committee process we have proven that we can get work done, protect people’s health and at the same time expand the legislative process to people who might want to testify but wouldn’t have the time or resources to come to Springfield.”

And the Illinois Department of Corrections announced that it was pausing all inmate transfers into state facilities from county jails as it responds to COVID-19 outbreaks in IDOC facilities.

“Congregate living facilities present unique infection control challenges due to the lack of quarantine and isolation space,” IDOC Director Rob Jeffreys said. “The Department recognizes the hardships county jails face when we cannot accept admissions, but we must take aggressive action to keep the community and everyone who lives and works in our facilities safe and healthy.”

## Taxes

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need to file a 2021 return to claim a Recovery Rebate Credit to receive the tax credit from the 2021 stimulus payments or reconcile advance payments of the Child Tax Credit. People who don’t normally file also could receive other credits.

The filing deadline to submit 2021 tax returns or an extension to file and pay tax owed is Monday, April 18, for most taxpayers. By law, Washington, D.C., holidays impact tax deadlines for everyone in the same way federal holidays do. The due date is April 18, instead of April 15, because of the Emancipation Day holiday in the District of Columbia for everyone except taxpayers who live in Maine or Massachusetts. Taxpayers in Maine or Massachusetts have until April 19, to file their returns due to the Patriots’ Day holiday in those states. Taxpayers requesting an extension will have until Monday, Oct. 17, to file.

Rettig noted that IRS employees continue to work hard on critical areas affected by the pandemic, including processing of tax returns from last year and record levels of phone calls coming in.

“In many areas, we are unable to deliver the amount of service and enforcement that our taxpayers and tax system deserves and needs. This is frustrating for taxpayers, for IRS employees and for me,” Rettig said. “IRS employees want to do more, and we will continue in 2022 to do everything possible with the resources available to us. And we will continue to look for ways to improve. We want to deliver as much as possible while also protecting the health and safety of our employees and taxpayers. Additional resources are essential to helping our employees do more in 2022 – and beyond.”

The IRS continues to reduce the inventory of prior-year individual tax returns that have not been fully processed. As of Dec. 3, 2021, the IRS has processed nearly 169 million tax returns. All paper and electronic individual 2020 refund returns received prior to April 2021 have been processed if the return had no errors or did not require further review.

Taxpayers generally will not need to wait for their 2020 return to be fully processed to file their 2021 tax returns and can file when they are ready.

## Demmer

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have the backbone to stand up to special interests.”

Demmer will be on the Republican Party ballot in the June 28 primary election. Petitions for the primary are currently being circulated, and candidates must file between March 7 and March 14.

Demmer serves as the director of innovation & strategy at KSB Hospital, a not-for-profit community hospital based in Dixon with locations in Lee and Ogle

counties. He graduated from the University of Dayton, and was a White House intern in the Office of the Vice President of the United States. Prior to the General Assembly, Demmer served as a board member for Lee County.

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## Council

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with money from the narcotics fund.

The chief said the department’s 2021 Dodge Durango patrol vehicle will arrive later this year, and that the department will wait until September to look at purchasing any other vehicles.

Kellen informed the council that six applicants recently completed MPD testing. The department is looking to hire three additional officers.

Also, members of the department recently completed tournament training.

The next meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, Feb. 7 at 5:30 p.m.

## LaSalle Co. mobile home taxes due by April 1

OTTAWA – Mobile Home Tax Bills for LaSalle County were mailed Wednesday, Jan. 12. The due date for the Mobile Home Local Services Tax is Friday, April 1.

Tax Payment Options are as follows:

- Delivered inside Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Drive through Drop Box (open 24 hours). The drop box location is located in the north part of the East parking lot of the Government Complex, 707 E. Etna Road, Ottawa.

• Mail to the Treasurer’s Office, P.O. Box 1560, Ottawa, IL 61350

There will be a penalty for late payment. The penalty for delinquency is \$25 per month beginning the day after due date. It is especially important that the Mobile Home Local Services Tax be paid in a timely fashion.

If mobile home owners have any questions about the Local Services Tax, contact the LaSalle County Treasurer’s Office at 815-434-8219.

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## A future for cursive?

**By Scott Reeder**

SPRINGFIELD – I called the bank last week to inquire about a check I had written.

When I asked the person on the phone if he could look it up on his system, he read back the correct amount of the check. But I had several checks written for similar amounts, so I double checked by asking him who the check was made out to.

The young man said he had never been taught to read cursive. So, he couldn’t tell me.

I was completely flummoxed.

I’ve been writing and reading cursive since I was 8. I thought perhaps this twenty-something is just an outlier. Then I inquired of friends and was told that no this is a common predicament.

A friend who teaches high school in LaSalle County said she often has to read aloud her comments written on students’ papers because they can’t read cursive.

My cousin, Steve, took a test at work and had it handed back to him because the millennial administering the test only knew how to read block letters.

In a world increasingly consisting of typed electronic communication, it seems young professionals are seeing fewer loops and curly cues on their letters.

My three daughters ages 11 to 16 were taught cursive and can read it well. But a school secretary said sometimes other students will bring her lists of spelling words written by a parent and ask for her to translate them into block letters.

I understand language evolves.

But there is something sad about a youngster being unable to read a birthday card from Grandma or the Declaration of Independence in Thomas Jefferson’s hand.

What kind of school system doesn’t teach basic penmanship?

Well, back in 2017, an Illinois state representative by the name of Chris Welch, D-Hillside, successfully sponsored legislation to require Illinois schools to teach cursive. Today, Welch is speaker of the House and even his webpage has his name in script.

There is something evocative about seeing someone’s handwriting. After all, every signature is distinctive and says a little bit about the person who penned it.

I was thinking about this awhile back when I was opening up a road atlas in my truck and two loose sheets of paper fell out with my father’s handwriting scrawled across them. Dad has been gone seven years now, but seeing his handwriting brought tears to my eyes.

The sheets of paper were just directions he had written on how to get from one place to another. But to me they were a roadmap back in time.

There was nothing pretty or neat about my Dad’s script. It scrawled across the page without any uniformity. It reflected his personality. Always thinking big, leaving the details to figure out later. (My mother insisted that my father and I had nearly identical handwriting.)

On the other hand, I came across an envelope in my desk drawer with my name written in my mother’s hand. The script is precise, flawless. I imagined when she was a nurse, doctors enjoyed reading her charts in her ever-perfect handwriting.

Stuck in the envelope was a \$2 bill issued in 1976 on the day the U.S. government allowed the note to first be circulated. I was 11 at the time. I remember my mom getting the \$2 bill at the bank and then sticking it in an envelope for safekeeping until I was older and could appreciate it.

Today, I treasure the envelope with my name in her hand, far more than the unique greenback inside.

Some see cursive as an obsolete form of communication. I see it as a language linking the present with the past.

My college professors wrote in cursive on blackboards. I can still picture some of the wisdom they shared in their distinctive handwriting.

I love to thumb through the family Bibles I inherited from my parents and grandparents and see their distinctive handwriting in the margins. They’re like inadvertent messages to future generations of what deep thoughts they pondered as they read scripture.

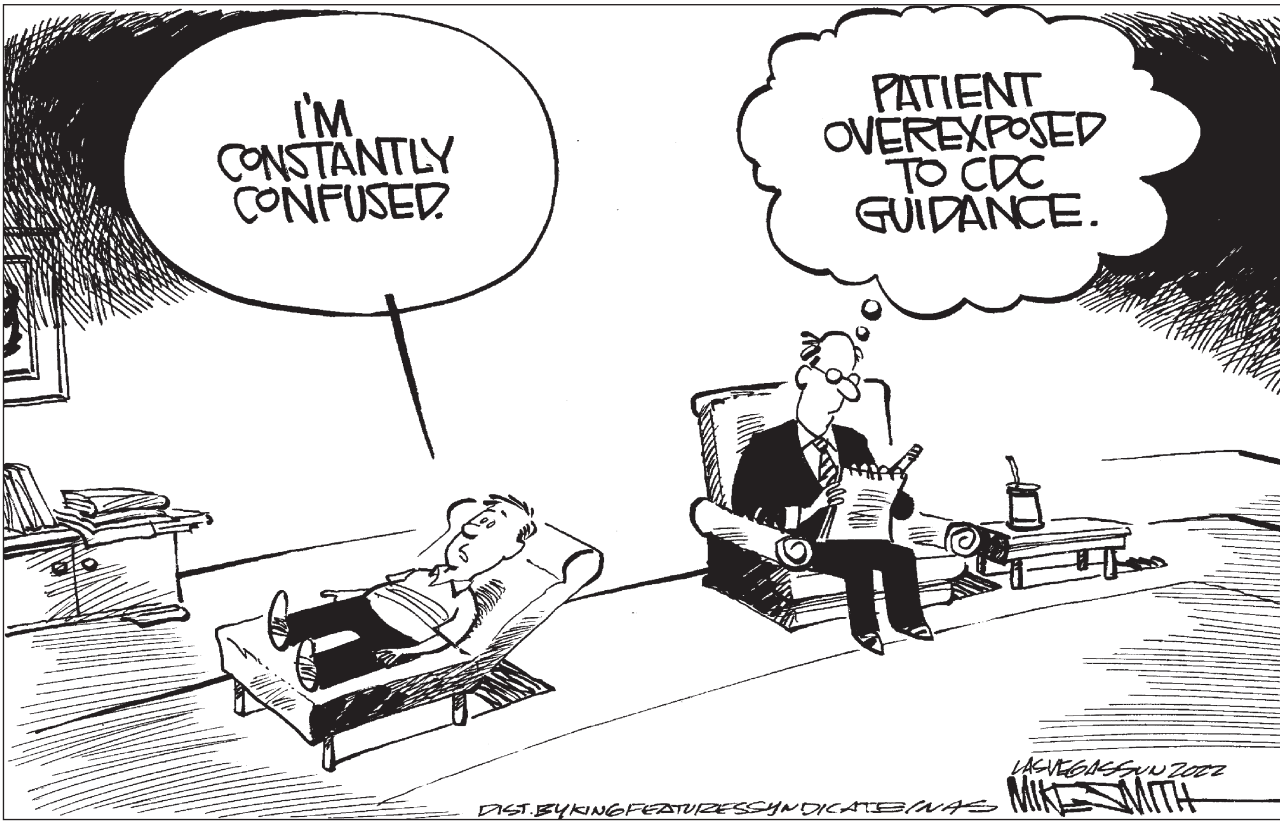
So, is there a future for cursive? I really can’t tell you. But it seems to be viewed as an anachronism by younger generations.

If nothing else, someday in the distant future in nursing homes we’ll be able to pass notes among ourselves without worrying about the staff having any idea what we are saying. It will be like reading hieroglyphics from another era.

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## School boards cope with smoke – 1990

*(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Jan. 19, 2000.)*

**By Jessica Nashold**

It was 10 years ago that Mendota school boards took up the subject of bans on smoke in schools, mandated by the state legislature.

The grade school board addressed the problem at its Jan. 18, 1990 meeting. It had the option of a total ban on smoking in school buildings during school-related functions, or designating smoking areas within the buildings.

The grade school board selected the receiving room near the parking lot entrance at Northbrook and a small ‘break room’ adjacent to the Northbrook library as smoking areas. Although the faculty invested \$700 in a “smoke eater,” said to be 97 percent efficient, students reported they could smell smoke, even after the equipment had been installed.

**Further changes were planned.**

The high school board took up the ban at its Jan. 22 meeting. The final verdict was a total ban on all smoking in the high school buildings during school-related functions.

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The high school board granted a leave of absence to Superintendent Morris Morgan because of health problems. An acting superintendent was appointed to take charge during his absence, beginning Jan. 29, 1990. He was Dean Madsen, a retired superintendent who had served in the LaMoille school system. MHS board member Tom Merwin emphasized Mendota’s good fortune in securing Madsen.

**He is doing us a great favor by stepping forward and helping us.**

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Big changes were in progress at The Mendota Reporter. Doug Leifheit, general manager, joined another News Media Corporation publication in West Virginia. Reporter publisher C. Thomas Cross announced the appointment of Sue Shinneman as his replacement. Shinneman had been with the Clinton, (Ill.) Daily Journal for five years before coming to The Mendota Reporter.

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The Hume Plaza Shuffleboard Court opened for the first round of play on

### Backtracks & Sidetracks

Jan. 19, 1990. Members of the First Presbyterian Church had organized a shuffleboard league, and were first to use the new facility.

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When it became evident that voters would be considering renovation of the Mendota swimming pool in a referendum in March, Dan Becker, managing editor of The Mendota Reporter, undertook publication of a week-by-week history of the pool. Reporter readers were well-informed on pool history before they went to the polls.

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Thirteen members of Cub Pack 102 toured The Mendota Reporter on Jan. 11, 1990. They were working on their Communication badges. Den Leader was Janet Newlin.

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In January 1990, Kiwanis celebrated the 75th anniversary of its founding in January 1915. The Mendota chapter was organized in November 1923. It had been sponsored by the Kewanee Kiwanis and from the very start jumped into community service. When women were admitted to members in 1987, Thelma Hutchinson, daughter of one of the charter members of Mendota Kiwanis, was first to join the club.

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A pair of geese, donated to the city by Henry Stuepfert, made their home at Lake Mendota. George and Fluffy were popular with children and their parents. During a severe cold spell, Alderman Rod Campbell cut through a six-inch layer of ice with his chainsaw to provide access to water. An aerator was also installed. Sadly, George fell victim to a marauding animal. Soon after his demise, Fluffy disappeared. Donor Stuepfert said it had done him a lot of good –

**To see the enjoyment people got from the geese.**

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Mendota Community Theatre went into rehearsal for a production of “The Wizard of Oz.” A cast of 74 had been auditioned and Fred Bell directed. George Likeness had the title role and musical numbers were backed by Sarah Wujek on the keyboard and Ken Ladenberger on drums.

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Whistle Stoppers marked its 15th anniversary at the Civic Center. Members were entertained by the MHS Jazz Band, led by Rex Benson. Glen Momeny was first president of Whistle Stoppers. Beginning in 1987, the group had furnished volunteers to open the Amtrak station when trains were due to arrive. Nameless Ageless Achievers were recognized. First, in 1979, was Robert Elsesser. Others were Dorothy Berry, Fannie Kessler, Minnie Schlesinger, Ronnie Dickey, Emilia Rowlett, Vera Grinka, Herman Prather, Mae Oranger, Fern Forth, Jim Flaherty, Esther Forth and Rosalie Russell.

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The Arnold Kaiser family of Mendota was named the Conservation Farm Family of 1990 by the LaSalle County Soil & Water Conservation District. Mark Krenz announced the honor at the January meeting of SWCD. Arnold Kaiser and his son Dale farmed 480 acres in Mendota Township. They had installed terraces, waterways, grade stabilization structures and had used crop rotation to control soil erosion.

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1989-1990 was developing into a bad flu year. Vaccines were used to combat Taiwan, Shanghai and Yamagata strains.

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Jaycees, in chronicling some of its community service projects, listed a \$1,000 contribution to the DARE program, taking senior citizens to horse races and filling sand boxes for children of the area.

**We used just about all the sand Western Sand & Gravel had.**

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The library board requested permission to use a portion of Veterans Park in case it should be needed for an addition to the building, then under consideration.

## The idiocy of vaccine mandates for kids

**By Rich Lowry**

The old legal maxim is that everything which is not forbidden is permitted. Many public-health experts apparently have their own version of this rule -- whatever is not forbidden must be mandated.

It was less than three months ago that the Food and Drug Administration approved the COVID-19 vaccine for children on an emergency basis, and already there are debates whether schools should mandate it and jurisdictions prohibit unvaccinated kids from engaging in activities.

California, Louisiana and Washington, D.C., have scheduled mandates to take effect when the FDA fully approves the vaccine for kids. Los Angeles and Oakland have mandates, although they’ve been delayed. New York City mayor Eric Adams says he’s weighing a mandate, and bills in the New York State legislature would implement one statewide.

When the FDA advisory panel met last October, several experts said they hoped the move wouldn’t lead to mandates. FDA official Peter Marks pooh-poohed the possibility, evidently underestimating the irresistible urge of officialdom in blue areas toward pandemic coercion.

The decision whether kids get vaccinated or not properly belongs to parents. Yes, other vaccinations are a condition of attending school, but COVID vaccinations aren’t going to eliminate COVID, the way, say, Jonas Salk’s miraculous innovation eliminated polio. With the advent of omicron, it’s not even clear childhood vaccinations will do much to dent the spread. On top of this, COVID is relatively mild in children, whereas polio was a dread childhood disease.

If the case for adults getting vaccinated is extraordinarily strong, it is much less so for minors, especially for healthy younger kids who tend to be at the least risk.

Why, parents might think, take any chances with a new vaccine if it is protecting from a minimal threat (or their kids already had the virus)? Even if you believe this is the wrong call, it’s not obviously unreasonable.

The medical news outlet Stat reported on an FDA model that looked at the risk to boys ages 5-11 from myocarditis, a heart condition that can affect boys in particular after getting vaccinated. According to Stat, the FDA analysts concluded

ed that although “the vaccine might trigger slightly more myocarditis-related hospitalizations in boys than Covid-19 hospitalizations it would prevent in the same population, the benefits still might outweigh the risks, given that Covid cases that require hospitalization are generally more severe than myocarditis cases.”

Rather than trust parents to weigh such considerations on their own, places like Los Angeles want to bring down the hammer. The school board there wanted students 12 and older to be vaccinated by Jan. 10. Then, unvaccinated kids would be relegated to remote learning. When the school board realized that 30,000 students weren’t vaccinated, a number that would overwhelm whatever dubious capacity the district has for remote learning, it backed off.

The calculus here makes no sense. To avoid an unlikely harm -- unvaccinated kids getting a serious case of COVID -- the schools wanted to impose an almost-guaranteed harm by excluding thousands of students from the classroom, kneecapping their education. At best, this is playing chicken with the well-being of children; at worst, it is thoughtless and cruel policy in stubborn pursuit of the goal of substituting the judgment of public-school mandarins for parents.

Already, roughly 40,000 students have dropped out or disengaged from L.A. schools this year, and the school board wanted effectively to match that via ham-handed enforcement of its mandate.

The same impulse to punish kids whose parents don’t want to go along is seen in vaccine passport policies, like that in New York City, that exclude unvaccinated children from a swath of activities in public places and from after-school programs. It’s as if public officials got together and decided children hadn’t experienced enough social isolation already during the pandemic.

One can only hope there’s enough pushback from parents who value their judgment and authority over that of the politicians and administrators whose default is mandates over persuasion.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Stage 212 seeks directors for 2023

LA SALLE - Stage 212 in LaSalle is currently seeking submissions from directors for the winter, spring and summer slots of the 2023 season. The organization is looking for well-known, highly recognizable shows for all three slots.

Submissions for the winter and spring slots should be comedies or dramas. Submissions for the summer slot should be family-friendly musicals, preferably with children in the cast. Stage 212 will consider all submissions, including repeats of past shows if they have not been performed in the last 15 years.

Anyone interested in submitting a show for consideration should visit the Stage 212 website at [stage212.org](http://stage212.org) for application information. Visitors to [stage212.org](http://stage212.org) will find a reference list of all productions Stage 212 has put on in their history, as well as a director's resume and application to be completed and submitted online.

Applications are due by Feb. 7. A final selection will be made for recommendation to the management committee of Stage 212 in March. Any questions should be e-mailed to [stage212web@gmail.com](mailto:stage212web@gmail.com).

Stage 212 has been the area's community theater since 1968 and welcomes anyone interested in participating in a stage production, regardless of previous experience.

## BCGS offers online session 'Writing Family Stories'

PRINCETON - On Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. the Bureau County Genealogical Society will hold a virtual presentation, "Getting It Down: Writing Family Stories," presented by Claire Gebben.

This presentation will appeal to anyone who has wanted to record their family stories, but does not know where to start. "Have you written some family history, but aren't sure how to organize it so others can enjoy it too? Have your grandchildren asked you to write what you remember about your past?" Gebben asks.

This presentation guides participants step-by-step through the process of getting stories written down for posterity and includes a handout.

As a public speaker, Gebben focuses on writing family history and 19th Century history. Many of her articles have appeared in genealogical publications. Her memoir, "How We Survive Here" (2018), which recounts her quest to trace and write about her ancestors, was honored as a finalist in the 2019 Next Generation Indie Book Awards.

The public is invited to attend this free presentation via Zoom. Please e-mail [bureaucounty@gmail.com](mailto:bureaucounty@gmail.com) by Jan. 27 to obtain the link to view.

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people and organizations have donated funds to make these financial awards a reality. Their kindness and generosity have contributed to the success of our Warhawks and we're extremely grateful for their support."

The UW-Whitewater Foundation awarded more than \$2.4 million in scholarships to students this academic year. The application period for next year's schol-

arships is now open. More information can be found at [uww.edu/scholarships](http://uww.edu/scholarships).

### Olivet Nazarene Dean's List

BOURBONNAIS - Noah Delong of Mendota was named to the dean's list at Olivet Nazarene University during the fall 2021 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate and attain a semester grade

point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

Olivet Nazarene University is an accredited Christian, liberal arts university offering more than 140 areas of undergraduate and graduate study, including the Doctor of Education in ethical leadership.

### Bradley University Dean's List

PEORIA - Three local students were among more

than 1,900 students named to Bradley University's fall 2021 dean's list.

They include Samuel Becker of Mendota, majoring in Mechanical Engineering; Samuel Lawrence of Mendota, majoring in Civil Engineering; and Pamela Taylor of West Brooklyn, majoring in Environmental Science Biology.

To be eligible, a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

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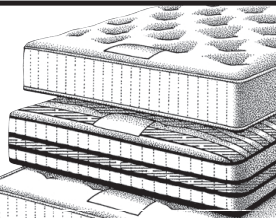
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# TAX PREP GUIDE

## Get your Social Security Benefit Statement

By Mike Weilt

We've made getting your annual Benefit Statement even easier. The Benefit Statement, also known as the SSA-1099 or the SSA-1042S, is a tax form we mail each year in January to people who receive Social Security benefits. It shows the total amount of benefits you received from us in the previous year. You can use this information when you file your tax return, as it shows how much Social Security income to report to the Internal Revenue Service.

If you live in the United States and you need a replacement SSA-1099 or SSA-1042S, go online to get your instant, printable replacement form using your personal my Social Security account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). Look for your replacement SSA-1099 or SSA-1042S for the previous tax year in your personal account after Feb. 1.

If you don't have access to a printer, you can save the document to your computer or email it to yourself. If you don't have a my Social Security account, creating one is very easy to do and usually takes less than 10 minutes.

And that's not all you can do with a personal account. If you receive benefits or have Medicare, your personal my Social Security account is also the best way to:

- Request a replacement Social Security number card (in most states and the District of Columbia).
- Get your benefit verification letter.
- Check your benefit and payment information.
- Change your address and phone number.
- Change your direct deposit information.
- Request a replacement Medicare card.
- Report your wages if you work and receive Social Security disability insurance or Supplemental Security Income benefits.

If you're a non-citizen who lives outside of the United States and you received or repaid Social Security benefits last year, we will send you form SSA-1042S in the mail. The forms SSA-1099 and SSA-1042S are not available for people who receive Supplemental Security Income benefits.

If you don't have a personal my Social Security account, you can create one today at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount).

(Weilt is the Social Security District Manager in Peru.)

## IRS gives information to aid in filing tax returns

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Internal Revenue Service announced that the nation's tax season will start on Monday, Jan. 24, when the tax agency will begin accepting and processing 2021 tax year returns.

### Key information to help taxpayers

The IRS encourages people to use online resources before calling. Last filing season, as a result of COVID-era tax changes and broader pandemic challenges, the IRS phone systems received more than 145 million calls from Jan. 1 – May 17, more than four times more calls than in an average year. In addition to IRS.gov, the IRS has a variety of other free options available to help taxpayers, ranging from free assistance at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly locations across the country to the availability of the IRS Free File program.

"Our phone volumes continue to remain at record-setting levels," Rettig said. "We urge people to check IRS.gov and establish an online account to help them access information more quickly. We have invested in developing new online capacities to make this a quick and easy way for taxpayers to get the information they need."

Last year's average tax refund was more than \$2,800. More than 160 million individual tax returns for the 2021 tax year are expected

to be filed, with the vast majority of those coming before the traditional April tax deadline.

Overall, the IRS anticipates most taxpayers will receive their refund within 21 days of when they file electronically if they choose direct deposit and there are no issues with their tax return. The IRS urges taxpayers and tax professionals to file electronically. To avoid delays in processing, people should avoid filing paper returns wherever possible.

By law, the IRS cannot issue a refund involving the Earned Income Tax Credit or Additional Child Tax Credit before mid-February, though eligible people may file their returns beginning on Jan. 24. The law provides this additional time to help the IRS stop fraudulent refunds from being issued.

Some returns, filed electronically or on paper, may need manual review, which delays the processing, if the systems detect a possible error or missing information, or there is suspected identity theft or fraud. Some of these situations require the IRS to correspond with taxpayers, but some do not. This work does require special handling by an IRS employee so, in these instances, it may take the IRS more than the normal 21 days to issue any related refund. In those cases where IRS is able to correct the return without corresponding, the IRS will send an

explanation to the taxpayer.

### File electronically and choose direct deposit

To speed refunds, the IRS urges taxpayers to file electronically with direct deposit information as soon as they have everything they need to file an accurate return. If the return includes errors or is incomplete, it may require further review that may slow the tax refund. Having all information available when preparing the 2021 tax return can reduce errors and avoid delays in processing.

Most individual taxpayers file IRS Form 1040 or Form 1040-SR once they receive Forms W-2 and other earnings information from their employers, issuers like state agencies and payers. The IRS has incorporated recent changes to the tax laws into the forms and instructions and shared the updates with its partners who develop the software used by individuals and tax professionals to prepare and file their returns. Forms 1040 and 1040-SR and the associated instructions are available now on IRS.gov. For the latest IRS forms and instructions, visit the IRS website at [IRS.gov/forms](http://IRS.gov/forms).

### Tips to make filing easier

To avoid processing delays and speed refunds, the IRS urges people to follow these steps:

- Organize and gather 2021 tax records including Social Security numbers, Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers, Adoption Taxpayer Identification Numbers, and this year's Identity Protection Personal Identification Numbers valid for calendar year 2022.
- Check IRS.gov for the latest tax information, including the latest on reconciling advance payments of the Child Tax Credit or claiming a Recovery Rebate Credit for missing stimulus payments. There is no need to call.

- Set up or log in securely at [IRS.gov/account](http://IRS.gov/account) to access personal tax account information including balance, payments, and tax records including adjusted gross income.

- Individuals can use a bank account, prepaid debit card or mobile app to use direct deposit and will need to provide routing and account numbers. Learn how to open an account at an FDIC-Insured bank through the National Credit Union Locator Tool.

- File a complete and accurate return electronically when ready and choose direct deposit for the quickest refund.

### Key filing season dates

There are several important dates taxpayers should keep in mind for this year's filing season:

- Jan. 14: IRS Free File opened. Taxpayers can begin filing returns through IRS Free File partners; tax returns will be transmitted to the IRS starting January 24. Tax software companies also are accepting tax filings in advance.

- Jan. 24: IRS begins 2022 tax season. Individual 2021 tax returns begin being accepted and processing begins.

- Jan. 28: Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day to raise awareness of valuable tax credits available to many people—including the option to use prior-year income to qualify.

- April 18: Due date to file 2021 tax return or request extension and pay tax owed due to Emancipation Day holiday in Washington, D.C., even for those who live outside the area.
- Oct. 17: Due date to file for those requesting an extension on their 2021 tax returns.

It's never too early to get ready for the tax-filing season ahead. For more tips and resources, check out the Get Ready page on [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov).

## Taxpayers should check out these tips before choosing a tax preparer

WASHINGTON, D.C. – As taxpayers get ready to file their 2022 taxes, they may be thinking about hiring a tax preparer. People should choose a tax preparer wisely. This is important because taxpayers are responsible for all the information on their return, no matter who prepares it for them.

There are different kinds of tax preparers, and a taxpayer's needs will help determine which kind of preparer is best for them. With that in mind, here are some quick tips to help people choose a preparer.

When choosing a tax professional, taxpayers should:

- Check the IRS Direc-

tory of Preparers. While it is not a complete listing of tax preparers, it does include those who are enrolled agents, CPAs and attorneys, as well as those who participate in the Annual Filing Season Program.

- Check the preparer's history with the Better Business Bureau. Taxpayers can verify an enrolled agent's status on [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov).

- Ask about fees. Taxpayers should avoid tax return preparers who base their fees on a percentage of the refund or who offer to deposit all or part of your refund into their financial accounts.


- Be wary of tax return preparers who claim they can obtain larger refunds than others.

- Ask if they plan to use e-file.

- Make sure the preparer is available. People should consider whether the individual or firm will be around for months or years after filing the return. Taxpayers should do this because they might need the preparer to answer questions about the preparation of the tax return.


- Ensure the preparer signs and includes their preparer tax identification number. Paid tax return preparers must have a PTIN to prepare tax returns.

- Check the person's credentials. Only attorneys, CPAs and enrolled agents can represent taxpayers before the IRS in tax matters. Other tax return preparers who participate in the IRS Annual Filing Season Program have limited practice rights to represent taxpayers during audits of returns they prepared.



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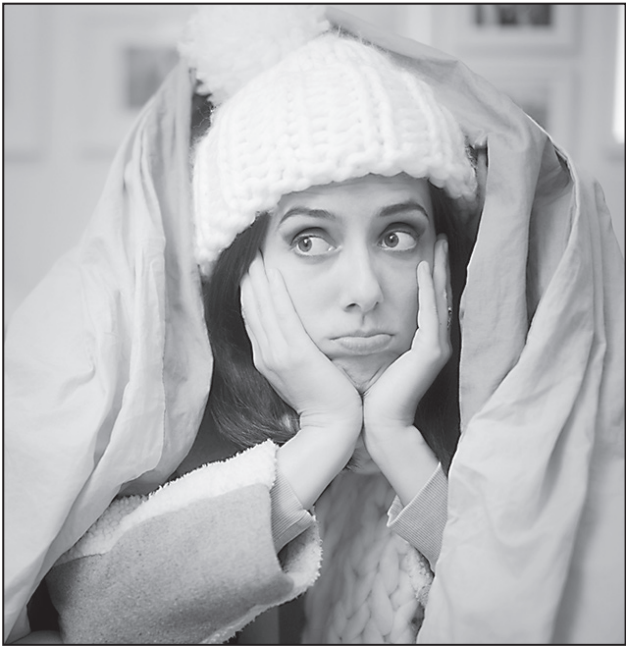
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With a combination of high-efficiency equipment, a little DIY and the help of professional expertise, you can stay warm and cozy on-budget, all season long.

## Tips to lower your home's heating bills this winter

(StatePoint) A frosty winter wonderland is fun to experience — outside. Inside is another story. By keeping your home heating system running at peak performance, you'll lower your winter utility bills and experience increased comfort.

According to North American Technician Excellence (NATE), here's how to stay toasty this winter without breaking the bank.

### Get the Right Equipment

It all starts with the right heating equipment. Choosing a furnace with an ENERGY STAR logo is important, however, it's also a good idea to understand standard efficiency ratings so you can easily compare the performance of different systems.

When you need to measure the thermal efficiency of your furnace or water heater, Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) helps determine the actual, annual, average efficiency of that piece of equipment. It measures the amount of heat delivered to your house compared to the amount of fuel that you must supply to the furnace. The U.S. Department of Energy determined that all furnaces sold in the U.S. must have a minimum AFUE of 78%.

The Heating Seasonal Performance Factor (HSPF) is the most commonly used measure of the heating efficiency of heat pumps. Typically, a high-efficiency heat pump pays for itself in savings in a few years.

### Take These Steps

A little DIY can work wonders. Follow this checklist for improved efficiency of heating equipment:

- Check heating filters every couple weeks and change them at least twice

in the season, or as directed by the manufacturer.

- Check and maintain insulation. Improperly insulated walls, floors, attics, basements and crawlspaces drain away heat and can also lead to moisture imbalance.

- Check ductwork for insulation and leaks. No matter how "state of the art" your heating system is, if your ductwork is bad, it will diminish efficiency.

- Turn down the thermostat by a few degrees and dress more warmly.

- Clean the furnace area. Don't keep chemicals or cleaning products near your heater, and don't store anything next to it that could impede ventilation.

- Keep vents and returns free of obstructions.

- Install a humidifier to make indoor air feel warmer.

### Work With Experts

Be sure all work performed on your heating equipment is carried out by a trustworthy technician. Even the most efficient system can suffer if it's not properly maintained. Better installation and service means your equipment will run at peak efficiency.

If you do call in a technician, prep for their arrival. You can help your technician diagnose a potential problem with your heating equipment by being prepared to share important information, such as the age, brand and model of your furnace and whether it's been leaking, making unusual noises or emitting odors.

With a combination of high-efficiency equipment, a little DIY and the help of professional expertise, you can stay warm and cozy on-budget, all season long.

## How to maintain hardwood floors

Hardwood floors have long been sought after by home buyers. In its recent "Remodeling Impact Report," the National Association of Realtors® revealed that new wood flooring was the fourth most popular project to attract buyers.

Of course, hardwood floors aren't just for buyers. Homeowners who already have hardwood floors know just how impressive these floors can be, especially when they're well maintained. Maintaining wood floors is not necessarily as straightforward as it may seem, and homeowners may benefit from a tutorial on how to keep the floors under their feet looking good.

### To polish or not to polish?

Polishing floors is an inexpensive way to keep them looking good. But the home improvement experts at BobVila.com note that not all floors can be polished, and determining which ones can depends on the finish. Floors with waterproof barriers such as urethane will benefit from routine polishing. However, floors with penetrating finishes like tung oil will need to be waxed rather than polished.

### What finish is on the floor?

The Hardwood Distributor's Association recommends a simple way for homeowners to determine which type of finish is on their hardwood floors. Homeowners are advised to rub a finger across the floor. If no smudge appears, then the floor is surface sealed. If a smudge is created, then the floor has been treated



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with a penetrating seal. The HDA also notes that recently installed wood floors are likely surface sealed.

### How often should floors be polished or waxed?

Wood flooring professionals recommend polishing floors that can be polished once every few months. Waxing wood floors does not need to be done as frequently, and most can benefit from a fresh coat of wax every 12 to 18 months.

### What can I do on a daily basis?

Some simple tricks and daily maintenance can help wood floors maintain their impressive look.

- Utilize floor mats. The HDA notes that floor mats near entryways can reduce the time it takes to clean

hardwood floors and reduce the wear and tear they endure. For example, tiny particles like dirt can scratch the floor and contribute to the kind of minor damage that adds up to significant scarring over time. Floor mats near entryways ensures that most of that dirt never makes it to the wood floors.

• Vacuum without a beater bar. Some vacuums contain beater bars, which are designed to pick up human hair, dog hair and other things that conventional vacuums may not be able to pick up. The HDA advises vacuuming without the beater bar, as it can contribute to small scratches in the floor. Sweeping with a high-quality broom or microfiber cloth is another

way to pick up dirt without damaging floors.

• Use manufacturer-recommended cleaning products. Local home improvement stores sell a host of hardwood floor cleaning products, but the HDA notes that many flooring manufacturers now sell their own hardwood floor cleaners designed specifically for their floors. These products are likely homeowners' best bets. Homeowners who can't find them can seek recommendations from a local flooring retailer.

Hardwood floors are attractive for many reasons. And they look even more stunning, and last much longer, when homeowners make an effort to maintain them.

## What to look for when updating windows and patio doors

(StatePoint) Your home's windows and patio doors not only let in sunlight and scenery, they also help protect you from the elements. That's why it's important to do your research when you're updating them. Here's what to know and what to look for:

### High-Performance Products

High-performance windows and doors have better energy efficiency, which can help save you money in the long run, make your home healthier and keep it better protected in stormy weather.

Energy-efficient windows help reduce drafts and the transfer of heat, which can mean lower energy bills. ENERGY STAR certified windows and patio doors are a good example of this.

Be sure to also seek out products that have "zero-VOC" or "low-VOC" certification. This helps reduce your household's exposure to volatile organic compounds, which are gases that can lead to eye, nose and throat irritation, headaches and dizziness, and can even cause organ damage over time, according to the EPA.

Finally, if you live in an area prone to hurricanes and storms, look for windows and doors that are certified to perform in high winds and severe coastal conditions.

### Quality Components

Better quality windows and doors make it less likely

that you'll need to repair or replace them. One way to identify quality is to stick with brands that continually test the durability and strength of all the components of their products.

You can also look into products that use new, low-maintenance materials like Fibrex material, a composite that's stronger than vinyl and doesn't rot, fade, pit or corrode.

### Designs That Fit Your Style

Look for the types of windows and doors that match the look and feel of your home. This means making sure they're the right color with the right type of glass and that they open the way you want them to.

For example, custom colors can help bring your design vision to life, black interiors help achieve a modern look with contrasting interior paint colors, while white interiors help keep spaces light and bright. And if you're looking to put a patio door in a tight space, go with a gliding patio door option.

Different types of glass are also something to keep in mind, with some glass being better suited for certain climates and conditions. Understanding terms like dual pane windows, low emissivity (Low-E) coating, decorative and hurricane-resistant can also help you make the right choices.



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With so many options, it's often a good idea to seek the advice of a certified contractor. They can help capture your vision and will work with you to find the right products for your home.

### An Experienced Installer

A window is only as good as its installation. In fact, many windows fail due to improper installation. Help protect the investment

you've made in your home by hiring a certified contractor or full-service replacement company. Certified contractors are a safe bet to make sure your windows and doors are installed properly.

Keeping all these points in mind will help you select windows and patio doors that best fit your home, and can save you money in the long run.

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Embrace everything that is good in your life and create a sense of comfort, warmth and security.

## Five interior design trends to use in your home in 2022

(StatePoint) After learning to live life more remotely in 2020 and 2021, it's time to view 2022 as a fresh start.

To help you adopt a new, balanced way of living, celebrity interior designer, Taniya Nayak, is sharing five home interior design trends meant to inspire spaces that will welcome guests, while still incorporating the special intimacies that may have been rediscovered from slowing down. Each trend can be utilized for a full home makeover or incorporated into little touches to freshen up a space.

1. Embrace. Embrace everything that is good in your life and create a sense of comfort, warmth and security. Nayak recommends cozy textures and a palette of mellow coral, subtle orange, soft green and creamy shades of white and brown to achieve this look in spaces like bedrooms or family rooms. A simple and stylish way to incorporate this into a room is to add a coat of paint to a textured basket for a pop of color. Then, fill it with plenty of plush blankets to complete the cozy look and feel.

2. Rise. Give a fresh perspective to your existing space with the 'Rise' trend. Inspired by the morning light peeking through the shades, incorporating this trend into your bedroom or bathroom is bound to invigorate and motivate you. For example, add a coat of green paint to your closet door for a nice pop of color to an area where you start your day.

No matter where you're looking to add fresh color, you'll want to achieve clean,

sharp paint lines. One of Nayak's go-to tools is a premium painter's tape that produces professional-looking results.

3. Gather. Gathering with friends and family has been long awaited, so set the mood and ambience just the way you imagined it. Inspired by the depth of conversations with loved ones, the 'Gather' trend embraces rich, dark tones like navy, teal or forest green. Incorporate this trend by painting the focal point of a room, like kitchen cabinets or the living room fireplace. Or, add bold, dark details with furniture and artwork. You can keep it subtle by creating custom centerpieces dipped in paint and wrapped in twine.

4. Revive. Revive your home with soothing and vibrant shades of pink, orange and blue to create a balance of motivated yet satisfied. Consider adding a vibrant paint color to old, worn-down details like a front door, nightstand or kitchen table. It might feel out of context, or out of character, but give it a try.

"This trend can be described as carefree, festive and fun," said Nayak. "Whatever it is that makes you happy... go for it!"

5. Shine. The 'Shine' trend is all about letting your true self shine. Implement this trend in any room throughout your home by embracing every color of the rainbow and visually displaying what's in your heart. Tape off a custom pattern that is uniquely yours and paint it whatever color you choose.

Creative and easy to achieve, these rising trends for 2022 provide inspiration to refresh your home's interior.

## Wallpaper popularity is on the rise

(StatePoint) Thinking about using wallpaper to transform your walls from drab to fab? You're in good company. Wallpaper's popularity is on the rise in both residential and commercial spaces and gaining an edge over paint.

Why? Experts believe this trend reflects a growing recognition of wallpaper's unique benefits. It's cost-effective, protects the wall surface from accidental marks and scratches, and offers personalized self-expression at a reasonable price.

"We experienced consistent month-over-month wallpaper sales increases throughout 2021. We attribute this to consumers' growing desire to customize their spaces with designs that reflect their personal style and aesthetic preferences, while retaining the option to change things up as frequently as desired with removable wallpaper," says Michael Jones, general manager, Spoonflower, a leading custom, print-on-demand wallpaper and home decor digital marketplace.

According to Jones, there are a few things to keep in mind when choosing the right wallpaper for your space. Here, he offers a few insights to help you get started:

### Type

First, determine how long you'd like the wallpaper to remain on your walls. Some types of wallpaper are more suitable for long-term use and others are best for those who wish to change their designs with the seasons or on a whim. For this reason, Spoonflower offers three types of wallpaper:

1. Prepasted Removable Smooth: Long-lasting, but fully removable (and recyclable), this option is great for homes, rental spaces, accent walls or temporary art installations.

2. Peel and Stick Removable Woven: Removable and repositionable, this option won't leave a residue behind.



Whether you're renting or you love to stay on-trend, temporary wallpaper is a great alternative to traditional wall coverings.

3. Traditional Pebble: This traditional wallpaper has a subtle leathery texture, matte finish, is paste-activated and is highly durable. Not only is it PVC-free, it is also moisture resistant.

### Design

To take the guesswork out of wallpaper design selection, consider heading to a wallpaper digital marketplace. In the case of Spoonflower, which features over 1 million designs, the biggest challenge you'll face is the enormity of selection. However, you can easily narrow down your choices by searching for designs based on category keywords, color or by styles, such as Mid-Century Modern, Cottagecore or Paisley. For those with a specific design already envisioned, the site even allows you to upload your own design and have it custom printed on wallpaper.

Before committing, consider ordering two or three swatches so you can compare them in your own space and assess the best fit. This can help ensure your final design selection is completely

tailored to your preferences. To learn more and to get the process started, visit spoonflower.com.

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## POLICE BLOTTER

### WARRANT ARREST

Christopher L. Baldrige, 42, of Warsaw, Ind., was arrested at 9:39 p.m. Jan. 10 on four valid failure to appear arrest warrants for possession of methamphetamine, driving while license suspended, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. The arrest stemmed from an investigation at 111 S. 13th Ave. concerning a report of a subject wanted on numerous out-of-state arrest warrants. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail to be extradited to Indiana.

### NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE

Eliseo Verbera, 50, of 4729 E. Sixth Road, Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at Washington

Street and Indiana Avenue at 8:17 p.m. Jan. 13. The subject was released with a notice to appear in court.

### WARRANT ARREST

Timothy Moore, 52, of Countryside, was arrested at 5:45 p.m. Jan. 14 on a valid warrant from Waushara County, Wis., for failure to appear/possession of THC with intent to deliver. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

### WARRANT ARREST

Tanner L. Mares, 31, of 901 Illinois Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 4:25 p.m. Jan. 15 on a valid Whiteside County warrant for obstructing a court order. The subject posted bond and was released with a Whiteside County court date.

## ICC approves rail crossing improvement in Triumph

### Automatic warning devices to be installed

TRIUMPH—As a matter of public safety, the Illinois Commerce Commission recently granted approval of a Stipulated Agreement to install new automatic warning devices at the CH 19/N 39th Road (AAR/DOT#175830M, railroad milepost 60.26-CNWH) highway-rail grade crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad Company's in Triumph.

Stipulated Agreement 2161 requires the Union Pacific Railroad to install automatic flashing light signals and gates with a bell, controlled by constant warning time circuitry, and equipped with an event recorder and remote monitor at the crossing. The estimated cost of the safety improvements is \$227,937.

ICC Staff recommends that the Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) be used to reimburse the company up to 95% of the installation costs, not to exceed \$216,540. UP will pay all remaining installation costs, as well as all future operating and maintenance costs for the new warning devices.

"The allocation of Grade Crossing Protection funds enables this important rail safety project to move forward, and that is good news for the community and all those traversing the crossing," said ICC Commissioner Michael T. Carrigan.

All work is to be completed by Jan. 5, 2023.



## Expanded COVID testing available Jan. 21 at MHS

MENDOTA – Expanded community COVID-19 testing is available Friday, Jan. 21 at Mendota High School.

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# SPORTS

## Trojan wrestlers drop meets to five opponents

Mendota wrestled on its home mat for the first time this season when it entertained three other schools on Jan. 11.

Sherrard won every bout and blanked the Trojans, 71-0.

Mendota picked up a pair of wins in a 54-10 loss to Oregon. Jose Hermosillo scored a 15-4 victory in the 138-pound weight class and JP Belmonte pinned his opponent in 2:27 at 170 pounds.

Sterling Newman came away with a 66-3 triumph over the Trojans. Hermosillo claimed a 9-5 decision for Mendota's lone win.

Jan. 11

### Sherrard 71, Mendota 0

106 – L. Russell (S) won forfeit; 113 – Findlay (S) pinned Cadence Thornton (M), 1:47; 120 – J. Fratzke (S) won forfeit; 126 – B. Bynum (S) won forfeit; 132 – Thomson (S) won forfeit; 138 – A. Fratzke (S) tech. fall Jose Hermosillo (M), 16-0; 145 – Kailyn Jezewski (M) lost pin, 0:49; 152 – N. Bynum (S) pinned Lea Turner (M), 1:24; 160 – Russell (S) won forfeit; 170 – Braderich (S) pinned JP Belmonte (M), 2:54; 182 – Roelf (S) won forfeit; 195 – Anderson (S) won forfeit; 220 – double forfeit; 285 – double forfeit

### Oregon 54, Mendota 10

106 – double forfeit; 113 – Marlatt (O) pinned Thornton (M), 0:20; 120 – Mowry (O) won forfeit; 126 – double forfeit; 132 – double forfeit; 138 – Hermosillo (M) dec. Pearson (O), 15-4; 145 – Kenney (O) pinned Jezewski (M), 0:27; 152 – Ruter (O) pinned Turner (M), 1:29; 160 – VandeSand (O) won forfeit; 170 – Belmonte (M) pinned Peterson (O), 2:27; 182 – Downs (O) won forfeit; 195 – George (O) won forfeit; 220 – Rote (O) won forfeit; 285 – Sellers (O) won forfeit

### Newman 66, Mendota 3

106 – double forfeit; 113 – Ivey (N) pinned Thornton (M), 0:20; 120 – Grennan (N) won forfeit; 126 – Rude (N) won forfeit; 132 – Kelly (N) won forfeit; 138 – Hermosillo (M) dec. Messer (N), 9-5; 145 – Tunink (N) pinned Jezewski (M), 0:34; 152 – VanLanduit

(N) pinned Turner (M), 5:16; 160 – Power (N) won forfeit; 170 – Luyando (N) pinned Belmonte (M), 0:32; 182 – Garland (N) won forfeit; 195 – double forfeit; 220 – Nardini (N) won forfeit; 285 – Haley (N) won forfeit

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Mendota lost both ends of a triangular meet at Erie-Prophetstown on Jan. 13.

The host school downed the Trojans, 66-12. Belmonte earned a pin win at the 2:36 mark of his 170-pound bout, while Lea Turner won by forfeit at 152 pounds.

Monmouth-Roseville upended Mendota, 48-12. Hermosillo pinned his opponent in 5:55 at 138 pounds and Turner claimed a forfeit victory at 152.

### Jan. 13 Erie-Prophetstown 66, Mendota 12

106 – EP won forfeit; 113 – Goosens (EP) pinned Thornton (M), 1:20; 120 – EP won forfeit; 126 – EP won forfeit; 132 – EP won forfeit; 138 – Jepson (EP) pinned Hermosillo (M), 2:39; 145 – Frederickson (EP) pinned Jezewski (M), 3:28; 152 – Turner (M) won forfeit; 160 – double forfeit; 170 – Belmonte (M) pinned Adams (EP), 2:36; 182 – EP won forfeit; 195 – EP won forfeit; 220 – EP won forfeit; 285 – EP won forfeit

### Monmouth-Roseville 48, Mendota 12

106 – Dillard (MR) won forfeit; 113 – Spears (MR) pinned Thornton (M), 0:42; 120 – double forfeit; 126 – double forfeit; 132 – Sang (MR) won forfeit; 138 – Hermosillo (M) pinned Lee (MR), 5:55; 145 – Lambe (MR) pinned Jezewski (M), 1:10; 152 – Turner (M) won forfeit; 160 – Raymond (MR) won forfeit; 170 – Hume (MR) pinned Belmonte (M), 3:59; 182 – Guna (MR) won forfeit; 195 – Blackman (MR) won forfeit; 220 – double forfeit; 285 – Bell (MR) won forfeit

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Mendota participated in the Kewanee Invitational on Jan. 15. Kailyn Jezewski took fifth place at 145 pounds and Hermosillo finished in sixth place at 132.



Mendota's Jose Hermosillo, right, tries to gain control of his Sherrard opponent during a 138-pound wrestling bout on Jan. 11 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

## BOWLING

### Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of Jan. 3 – 1. Sports-N-Stuff 50-30; 2. Ramer Inc. 41-39; 3. Mendota Agri-Products 39-41; 4. Bad Kats 38.5-41.5; 5. CM Farm 36.5-43.5; 6. Leagal Beagles 35-45

High team game (scratch) – Mendota Agri-Products 836, Sports-N-Stuff 687, Leagal Beagles 669

High team game (hdcp) – Mendota Agri-Products 1003, Sports-N-Stuff 913, Bad Kats 908

High team series (scratch) – Mendota Agri-Products 2410, Sports-N-Stuff 1982, Leagal Beagles 1800

High team series (hdcp) – Mendota Agri-Products 2911, Bad Kats 2685, Sports-N-Stuff 2660

Men's high game (scratch) – Luke Phalen 254, Kasen Novak 234, Bob Thomas 215

Men's high game (hdcp) – Kasen Novak 293, Luke Phalen 280, Bob Thomas 267

Men's high series (scratch) – Luke Phalen 675, Kasen Novak 625, Bob Thomas 568

Men's high series (hdcp) – Kasen Novak 802, Luke Phalen 753, Bob Thomas 724

Women's high game (scratch) – Gail Sessler 213, Sarah Westphal 204, Kassidi Guerrero 193

Women's high game (hdcp) – Gail Sessler 268, Sarah Westphal 268, Audrey Holocker 267

Women's high series (scratch) – Gail Sessler 584, Kassidi Guerrero 542, Sarah Westphal 527

Women's high series (hdcp) – Gail Sessler 749, Sarah Westphal 719, Audrey Holocker 714

### Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of Jan. 10 – 1. Sports-N-Stuff 56-29; 2. Bad Kats 42-43; 3. Ramer Inc.

42-43; 4. CM Farm 39-46; 5. Mendota Agri-Products 39-46; 6. Leagal Beagles 37-48

High team game (scratch) – Mendota Agri-Products 758, Leagal Beagles 728, Ramer Inc. 720

High team game (hdcp) – Ramer Inc. 1005, Leagal Beagles 970, Sports-N-Stuff 938

High team series (scratch) – Mendota Agri-Products 2120, Sports-N-Stuff 2020, Leagal Beagles 1999

High team series (hdcp) – Ramer Inc. 2771, Leagal Beagles 2725, Bad Kats 2707

Men's high game (scratch) – Ron Westphal 234, Matt Ramer 226, Bob Thomas 224

Men's high game (hdcp) – Bob Thomas 274, Bob Moench Jr. 258, Aaron Holocker 257

Men's high series (scratch) – Ron Westphal 622, Matt Ramer 587, Mike Smith 587

Men's high series (hdcp) – Bob Moench Jr. 725, Aaron Holocker 708, Ron Westphal 682, Kasen Novak 682

Women's high game (scratch) – Gail Sessler 224, Dria Kuntz 202, Kim Smith 197

Women's high game (hdcp) – Gail Sessler 277, Dria Kuntz 276, Stephanie Ramer 267

Women's high series (scratch) – Gail Sessler 606, Kim Smith 514, Sarah Westphal 495

Women's high series (hdcp) – Gail Sessler 765, Kim Smith 718, Stephanie Ramer 713, Brenda Westphal 713, Dria Kuntz 713

### Thursday Four Youth League

Standings as of Jan. 6 – 1. Team 6 16-8; 2. Team 5 14-10; 3. Team 1 13-11; 4. Team 2 11-13; 5. Team 4 7-17; 6. Team 3 5-19

Boys' high game (scratch) – Pryar Christmann 104, Kannon Delao 90, Cale Full 89

Cale Full 241, Bentley Bejster 239, Kannon Delao 238

Boys' high series (scratch) – Pryar Christmann 203, Bentley Bejster 201, Gavin Stamberger 197

Boys' high series (hdcp) – Landon Kent 679, Bentley Bejster 666, Gavin Stamberger 644

Girls' high game (scratch) – Brooklyn Mauch 34

Girls' high game (hdcp) – Brooklyn Mauch 210

Girls' high series (scratch) – Brooklyn Mauch 47

Girls' high series (hdcp) – Brooklyn Mauch 399

### Thursday Six Youth League

Standings as of Jan. 6 – 1. Team 1 17-7; 2. Team 2 14-10; 3. Team 3 12-12; 4. Team 4 0-24

High team game (scratch) – Team 3 455

High team game (hdcp) – Team 3 876

High team series (scratch) – Team 3 1345

High team series (hdcp) – Team 3 2608

Boys' high game (scratch) – Oliver Turner 137, Caeleb Ensor 98

Boys' high game (hdcp) – Oliver Turner 240, Caeleb Ensor 205

Boys' high series (scratch) – Oliver Turner 311, Caeleb Ensor 191

Boys' high series (hdcp) – Oliver Turner 620, Caeleb Ensor 405

Girls' high game (scratch) – Ashlynn Rickels 157, Lexi Saylor 117, Gracie Smith 108

Girls' high game (hdcp) – Ashlynn Rickels 300, Gracie Smith 231, Lexi Saylor 219

Girls' high series (scratch) – Ashlynn Rickels 350, Lexi Saylor 296, Gracie Smith 288

Girls' high series (hdcp) – Ashlynn Rickels 779, Gracie Smith 657, Lexi Saylor 602

## Lady Trojans return to court; struggle to score in 3 losses

The Mendota Lady Trojans returned to the basketball court after a 10-day layoff due to COVID-related issues, but still minus eight varsity players and four starters. The result was a 56-29 loss to Kewanee in a Three Rivers Conference contest on Jan. 12 at the MHS gym.

Kewanee drilled three of its six three-pointers in the first quarter and zoomed out to an 18-8 lead at the end of eight minutes. The count was 33-11 at halftime and 45-20 heading to the fourth.

"I honestly really thought we held our own against a good Kewanee team," said Mendota coach John Hansen. "I loved the fight and effort, and actually saw a lot of things I loved. Even a lot of our mistakes were trying to do the right thing."

Reanna Brant dropped in 18 of Mendota's 29 points and she also led the squad with 13 rebounds. Isabella Tolentino provided seven points and three steals, while Natalie Bodmer collected six rebounds.

Mendota fell to 1-4 in Three Rivers Conference play.

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A tight game after one quarter slipped away from Mendota in a 54-23 loss at Newark on Jan. 13.

The home team held just a 12-10 lead after the first period, but the Lady Trojans hit a cold spell in the second quarter and scored just three points compared to 14 for Newark. Mendota was then outscored, 28-10, in the second half.

"It was nice to get some girls back, but we were a little off at just about everything we did," noted Hansen.

Brant, Natalie Bodmer and Naitzy Garcia led Mendota with six points apiece. Brant and Garcia also topped the team with six rebounds apiece.

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Rochelle scored a 61-22 win over the Lady Trojans on Jan. 17 at Rochelle.

Mendota (2-15) fell behind 19-9 after the first quarter and then was only able to score 13 points over the final three frames, including being shutout in the fourth.

"We played better in the first half than the final," said Hansen. "We didn't play so well in the second half."

Brant and Katie Jenner led the scoring with six points

apiece. Brant also led with five rebounds.

### KEWANEE 56, MENDOTA 29

Kewanee (56)			
	FG	FT	Fls
Eggimann	0	2-2	0
Meyer	2	0-0	1
Kelly	5	1-1	4
Stevens	5	2-3	0
Crofton	6	1-1	1
Miller	1	0-0	0
K. Rodgers	0	0-0	2
McLean-Garcia	3	0-0	2
Totals	22	6-7	10

### Mendota (29)

	FG	FT	Reb	TP
Zinke	0	0-0	3	0
Bodmer	1	0-0	6	2
Tolentino	3	1-2	4	7
Garcia	1	0-0	5	2
Brant	7	2-2	13	18
Eddy	0	0-0	1	0
Knaff	0	0-0	2	0
Coss	0	0-0	2	0
Totals	12	3-4	36	29

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Kewanee	18	33	45	56
Mendota	8	11	20	29

Three-point goals: Mendota - Brant 2; Kewanee - Stevens 2, McLean-Garcia 1, Crofton 3

### ROCHELLE 61, MENDOTA 22

Mendota (22)			
	FG	FT	Reb
Jenner	2	1-3	3
K. Delao	0	0-0	1
Bodmer	0	0-0	2
Manning	2	0-0	3
Garcia	1	1-2	2
Brant	3	0-2	5
Zinke	0	0-0	1
F. Delao	0	0-0	2
Salinas	0	0-0	2
Tolentino	1	1-2	3
Wasmer	0	0-0	1
Totals	9	3-9	25

### Rochelle (61)

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Bungo	1	0-0	0	3
Nantz	1	2-2	1	4
Carter	2	0-0	1	4
Lundquist	2	0-0	1	5
Jackson	1	0-0	0	2
Luxton	11	1-4	0	23
S. Tabor	4	2-2	1	10
Dickey	1	0-0	1	3
Metzger	2	0-0	0	4
Darby	0	3-4	4	3
Totals	25	8-12	9	61

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Mendota	9	17	22	22
Rochelle	19	35	47	61

Three-point goals: Mendota - Jenner 1; Rochelle - Bungo 1, Lundquist 1, Dickey 1

### NEWARK 54, MENDOTA 23

Mendota (23)			
	FG	FT	Reb
Bodmer	2	0-0	2
Tolentino	0	1-2	3
Brant	2	2-2	6
Garcia	3	0-0	6
Manning	2	0-2	5
Reel	0	0-0	2
Totals	9	3-6	24

### Newark (54)

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
DeClementi	2	0-0	1	6
Weesh	0	0-0	1	0
L. Hatteberg	1	0-2	0	2
O'Connell	3	0-0	0	9
Kruser	0	1-2	1	4
Heap	2	0-0	1	1
B. Hatteberg	1	0-0	2	2
Wohead	1	0-0	1	2
Eike	0	1-1	1	1
Snyder	7	0-1	1	14
Christian	0	1-2	0	1
Friestad	5	2-2	3	12
Totals	22	5-10	12	54

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Mendota	10	13	20	23
Newark	12	26	42	54

Three-point goals: Mendota - Bodmer 2; Newark - DeClementi 2, O'Connell 3



# SPORTS



Mendota’s JP Belmonte, front, attempts to escape from the grasp of his Sherrard opponent in the 170-pound weight division on Jan. 11 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)



## Healthy hobbies families can enjoy together

Resolutions to get fit might garner the bulk of people’s attention come New Year’s Day. But resolution season also marks a great time for busy families to commit to spending more time together.

Hobbies can bring people together, which makes them an ideal outlet for families who want to spend more time with one another. Families on the lookout for hobbies they can enjoy together can consider the following activities.

- **Hiking:** Hiking is a family-friendly activity that’s free and ideal for individuals who also want to turn over a healthy leaf as the new year dawns. The cardiovascular benefits of hiking are well-documented and include lowering hikers’ risk for serious ailments, including heart disease. But the exposure to nature that hiking provides can benefit entire families. A 2015

study published in the journal *Landscape and Urban Planning* found that hiking can help to reduce feelings of anxiety. Hiking trails run the gamut from flat trails that are ideal for families that include young children to more challenging trails that require a little climbing.

- **Cycling:** Cycling is another healthy, family-friendly hobby. The experts at MD Anderson Cancer Center note that cycling builds muscle, helps people maintain a healthy weight, releases endorphins that can make it easier to relieve and manage stress, and improves balance. Both adults and children can reap those rewards. When cycling with young children, parents can look for flat cycling paths that won’t discourage kids or require them to do more than their bodies can handle. Older children and teenagers can handle

more challenging paths, and parents of children in these age groups can even consider incorporating mountain biking into their cycling routines.

- **Painting:** Painting together as a family can benefit both adults and children in unique ways. Harvard Medical School notes that studies have found that artistic expression can help people with depression and anxiety. Young children, including preschoolers, also can benefit from painting, which helps them develop both their fine and gross motor skills and improves hand-eye coordination. Parents of adolescents should know that painting has also been found to be a productive outlet for teenagers to express themselves, and the process of seeing a painting project through from inception to completion can boost confidence and self-esteem.

## 3 metrics to know if exercise is working

Obstacles are bound to appear as individuals embark on the road to getting healthier. Such obstacles come in many different forms, but one hurdle many individuals encounter is doubts about the effectiveness of their workout regimens.

Everyone would love to reap instant rewards from exercise, and immediate gratification is not necessarily elusive. For example, individuals who begin exercising may find their energy levels and attitudes have improved after their first workout. However, individuals who are exercising to lose weight may be discouraged if the scale doesn’t immediately indicate they’re shedding unwanted pounds. That’s a significant obstacle to overcome, and it’s one reason why so many health professionals urge patience and perseverance as individuals embark on their weight loss goals. Though it might not seem like much, industry professionals note that losing one to two pounds per week is a good sign that a workout routine is working.

The experts at Johns Hopkins Medicine note that weight loss is not the only way for individuals to determine if they’re making progress toward their weight loss goals. The following are three additional metrics that individuals can look to as they try to chart their exercise progress.

1. **Target heart rate:** Before beginning an exercise regimen, individuals, especially those who have been living a sedentary life-

style, should speak with their physicians to determine what their target heart rate should be. They can then measure their exercise progress by what they need to do to reach that progress. At the outset, individuals may not need to exercise as vigorously to reach their target rates, but as their bodies get healthier and grow more acclimated to exercise, they will need to work harder to reach their target heart rate. This makes target heart rate a good metric by which to measure exercise progress.- 2. **Repetitions:** Johns Hopkins Medicine notes that repetitions are another reliable metric by which to measure exercise progress. The more repetitions individuals can do without straining, the stronger their muscles are becoming. Individuals should resist any urge to overdo it. The repetitions metric is only a useful measure of progress if individuals are capable of doing a rep without straining.
- 3. **Body composition:** This metric should come as no surprise. The more positively exercise affects the body, the more that will show in how the body looks. Johns Hopkins notes that fat loss, specifically around the waist, and muscle growth are two telltale signs that an exercise regimen is progressing.

It can be easy to obsess over results when beginning an exercise regimen. But remaining patient and persistent and utilizing certain metrics to measure progress can keep individuals on the path to getting fit.



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Celebrity Extra

**By Dana Jackson**

**Q:** Is “Grey’s Anatomy” returning for another season, or will the current one be the last? How many years has it been on? I haven’t watched it in a long while, but I definitely want to catch the finale. -- **J.K.**

**A:** According to TVLine.com, the long-running medical drama “Grey’s Anatomy” has been renewed for a whopping 19th season. It was rumored recently that star Ellen Pompeo was ready to hang up her scrubs, telling “Insider”: “I’ve been trying to focus on convincing everybody that it should end -- what’s the story going to be, what story are we going to tell? ... And everyone’s like, ‘Who cares, Ellen? It makes a gazillion dollars.’” Pompeo somehow found her inspiration, because shortly after that story, she inked a one-year deal for another season of “Grey’s.” She’s also earned a co-executive producer title along with showrunner Krista Vernoff, which should allow her to influence the outcome of the show’s stories during its expected final year, an issue that has long been important to Pompeo.

Shonda Rhimes, who created the series, says she has

the final say of when and how “Grey’s” will end. She told “Variety” this past November that she has unofficially written the ending -- whether just in her mind or on her laptop -- a “good eight times,” but that she is the person who will decide when it’s over.

“Grey’s Anatomy” will return Feb. 24 with new episodes on ABC at 9 p.m. ET. \*\*\*

**Q:** I have a bet with my husband. Who plays the sheriff in the new Dr Pepper commercials? I think he used to be on “Justified,” but he says no, but he also can’t figure out where we’ve seen him before. Can you help? - **G.B.**

**A:** The sheriff in the current Dr Pepper ad campaign was never on “Justified,” which starred Timothy Olyphant as a U.S. Marshal, but you’ve definitely seen him before. He’s former NFL linebacker Brian “The Boz” Bosworth, and he had a brief career as an action movie star after his pro sports retirement. Picture him with bleached blonde hair and you

might recognize him.

After his football career ended in the late ‘80s, he starred in action flicks like “Stone Cold,” “One Man’s Justice,” and “Midnight Heat.” The new episodic Dr Pepper campaign titled “Fansville” stars Bosworth and former NFL running back Eddie George as “Sheriff” and “Doctor,” respectively. \*\*\*

**Q:** Is Mayim Bialik still doing her sitcom, or will she become the full-time host of “Jeopardy?” I think she does the best job since Alex Trebek. - **R.V.**

**A:** Yes, I believe that as long as Bialik enjoys acting in comedies, “Jeopardy” will just have to be a part-time gig for her. Season two of her sitcom “Call Me Kat” just kicked off on Fox. She juggles her busy schedule by also hosting the syndicated game show “Jeopardy!” with Ken Jennings. Both are committed to sharing these duties through the current season, which concludes July 29 of this year.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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The Rock

**By Tony Rizzo**

**HOLLYWOOD** -- Testosterone gone wild! Don’t mess with “The Rock,” even if you’re Vin Diesel! Dwayne Johnson’s not returning for “The Fast & The Furious 10,” which is supposed to end the franchise. The Rock recently explained why: “This past June when Vin and I actually connected, not over social media, I told him directly and privately I would not be returning to the franchise. I was firm yet cordial saying I’d always be supportive of the cast and root for the franchise to be successful, but there was no chance I’d return. Vin’s public post was an example of his manipulation. I didn’t like that he used his children (in reference to me), in the post as well as Paul Walker’s death. We’d spoken months ago about this and I thought we came to a clear understanding. It’s unfortunate this public dialogue has muddled the

## Hollywood

waters.” Diesel revealed, over the summer, the bad blood between them was due to his using “tough love” while producing Johnson in “The Fast & The Furious 8.” He told Men’s Health magazine he used the approach “to assist in getting that performance where it needed to be.” Dwayne Johnson’s one of the busiest and highest paid actors in the world. Small wonder he objected to anyone, even Diesel, assuming he couldn’t cut it. With or without “The Rock” this is not the end for the F&F universe -- there are plans for additional spin-offs and TV shows. \*\*\*

Another successful franchise is “Spider-Man.” “Spider-Man: No Way Home” grossed \$1.5 billion worldwide (while “West Side Story,” which opened three days earlier grossed only \$45 million), but “Spider-Man” Tom Holland isn’t resting on his laurels. He’s already started another franchise, “Uncharted,” in which he’ll be treasure hunter Nathan Drake, based on the popular video game series which

sold more than 40 million copies. The role of Drake, an Indiana Jones wannabe, was originally intended for Mark Wahlberg when the franchise was first proposed in 2008. Wahlberg will instead play his accomplice, Victor “Sully” Sullivan, a cranky cigar-smoking 60-year-old (Wahlberg’s only 50). Ruben Fleischer who directed “Zombieland” and “Venom” is at the helm. \*\*\*

The still beautiful Jane Fonda, one of the last four living stars from the Golden Age of Hollywood, has completed the last 12 episodes of “Grace & Frankie.” The show was shut down due to the pandemic after four episodes, which aired already, with the remaining episodes to air via Netflix soon. While waiting for “Grace & Frankie,” she completed “Luck The Dragon,” a computer animated comedy co-starring Whoopi Goldberg dropping on Apple TV Feb. 18. At 84 Jane shows no signs of slowing down -- happily, because we’re all still “Fonda” Jane.

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## Couch Theater

“Ozark” Season 4 (TV-MA) -- The fourth and final season of this extremely dark Netflix original dramatic series arrives to close the story of Marty Byrde (Jason Bateman) and family. A financial adviser, Byrde is trapped in a five-year indentured servitude to launder \$500 million for the leader of a drug cartel. Season 3 ended with a literal bang, with Marty and wife Wendy (Laura Linney) seemingly poised to rise on the cartel’s leadership ladder. Meanwhile, hillbilly helper Ruth Langmore continued to demand a bigger piece of the pie for doing much of Marty’s dirty work. Season 4 will be split into two parts of seven episodes each, the second part to be released later in 2022. (Netflix)

“As We See It” (NR) -- A dramedy that attempts to blend the humor of our differences with some realistic enlightenment about our differences, this Amazon original series follows the life of three young adults on the autism spectrum attempting to lead independent lives. While living in a transitional group home, they gain support from counselor

Mandy (Sosie Bacon) while striving to maintain jobs and form relationships. All three main actors personally identify as being on the spectrum, lending credibility to the show. (Prime Video)

“The Murder of Fred Hampton” (NR) - First released in 1971, this documentary began in 1969 as a project to profile the young leader of the Illinois Black Panther Party. When the film’s subject and a fellow Panther were killed as they slept during a pre-dawn raid in his apartment by Chicago Police, the focus shifted. The producer and director instead worked to challenge both police and news reports of the tragedy by showing extensive footage they took in Hampton’s apartment immediately following his death, as well as personal interviews and re-enactments. Both filmmakers have since passed away, but the film was finally accepted just last year into the United States Film Registry for its cultural, historical and aesthetic significance. (HBO Max)

“Single Drunk Female” -- Admittedly, when I saw the title

of this series and Ally Sheedy’s name, I assumed it was a follow-up on the life of Allison, her character from “The Breakfast Club.” But alas, I was wrong. In actuality, Sheedy plays the mother of Samantha (Sofia Black D’Elia), a young woman struggling with addiction and all the bad choices and fallout that result from it. As Samantha works to get her life back on track and accept all those things she cannot control, she also moves back in with her mom. Despite the heavy issues, the show maintains a humorous edge, and Sheedy is wonderfully cast as the overbearing mother, Carol. (Hulu)

“Ghosted: Love Gone Missing” -- Because nothing makes being deserted by a lover more palatable and less sad than having it broadcast on national TV for all to see. If you enjoy “Catfish,” you’ll probably like “Ghosted.” Hosts Rachel and Travis help confused, jilted partners who’ve been suddenly cut out of their companions’ lives find answers and closure. (Paramount+)

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## Strange But True

**By Lucie Winborne**

\* In 2016, KFC released edible nail polishes in Hong Kong. They came in Hot & Spicy and Original flavor.

\* The main reason why Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Pinocchio and other early Disney characters wore gloves is because it was easier to animate them and helped the characters appear to be more humanlike.

\* It is illegal to name your pig Napoleon in France.

\* Eighty-year-old Tatsuo Horiuchi has created paintings in Microsoft Excel for over 15 years, using vector drawing tools developed primarily for graphs and simple shapes to make panoramic scenes of life in rural Japan.

\* More salt is used to remove ice from roads than for eating.

\* A Tennessee judge ordered a name change for a baby named “Messiah.” She was later fired after the decision was found unconstitutional on appeal.

\* Hexakosioihexekontahexaphobia is the fear of the number 666.

\* There was a tree in Glastonbury, England, that was known to flower on Christmas Day. Locals were disappointed that it did not obey the switch to the Gregorian calendar in 1752.

\* George H.W. Bush’s hatred of broccoli was so intense that he mentioned it 70 times during his presidency, banned it from the White House, and blamed the extinction of the dinosaurs on it.

\* Speaking of those famous reptiles, in 1992 after paying for entry to the “Dinosaurs Live!” exhibition at the Memphis Zoo, six visitors demanded a refund. Their grounds? It didn’t contain live dinosaurs. \*\*\*

## • Trivia Test •

1. FOOD & DRINK: What grain is the Japanese wine sake made from?
  2. MEDICAL: What is the common name for the condition called aphonia?
  3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a gastropoda?
  4. HISTORY: In what city was the United States’ Declaration of Independence signed?
  5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What word does the “R” movie rating stand for?
  6. MUSIC: How old was Mozart when he began composing music?
  7. MOVIES: Who voiced Mufasa in the animated movie “The Lion King”?
  8. ASTRONOMY: What is the largest moon orbiting a planet in our solar system?
  9. TELEVISION: What is the family’s last name in drama series “Blue Bloods”?
  10. U.S. STATES: Which state goes by the nickname “Green Mountain State”?
- Answers
1. Rice
  2. Complete loss of voice
  3. A snail
  4. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
  5. Restricted
  6. 5 years old
  7. James Earl Jones
  8. Ganymede
  9. Reagan
  10. Vermont
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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Hula swivelers  
5 Kvetch  
9 Comedian Margaret  
12 Inky stain  
13 Stead  
14 Bond rating  
15 Sooner State native  
17 “The A-Team” actor  
18 Trails  
19 Rose parts  
21 Halloween disguises  
24 Rating unit  
25 iPhone down-loads  
26 Skunk relatives  
30 “— was saying ...”  
31 Passion  
32 — tai  
33 Olympic winner  
35 Poet of yore  
36 Dutch cheese  
37 Arm bones  
38 Peer in a box  
40 The Emerald Isle  
42 Branch  
43 Intermediary  
48 “Patience — virtue”  
49 Thus  
50 Corn recipe

**DOWN**

1 “Veep” airer  
2 Sort  
3 D.C. figure  
4 Celery servings  
5 Drain block-age  
6 Intends  
7 Actor Stephen  
8 Groan-inducing humorist  
9 TV station employee  
10 Injure  
11 Feed-bag filler  
16 Possesses  
20 Tic- — -toe  
21 Sir’s counter-part  
22 Church section  
23 Peter Parker’s alter ego  
24 Coin aperture  
26 Prudish  
27 Takes too much, in med. lingo  
28 Skater  
29 Faction  
31 Fear-stricken  
34 Big fuss  
35 Censors  
37 Internet address  
38 Hoosegow  
39 Celestial bear  
40 Jittery  
41 Altar vows  
44 Roth svgs.  
45 Extinct bird  
46 Picnic crasher  
47 Born

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Now is the time for your breakthrough!

Do you need a breakthrough in your life—in your health, relationships, finances or any other area? Have you been asking God to give you a breakthrough?

Needing a breakthrough basically means you've come up against something that is preventing you from doing what you really want to do, being who you really want to be, or having what you really want to have.

The first step to getting a breakthrough is to pray and ask God for help. But it's important to understand that when you pray and wait on God, you need to be prepared to listen

to what He may speak to your heart because He will likely give you something to do.

As believers in Christ, we have a personal relationship with Him and we are partners with God. The Holy Spirit lives in our spirit and He speaks to our hearts. John 16:13 (NIV) says, "But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."

One way He communicates with us is through our thoughts; He gives us an idea or desire that sticks

with us and won't go away. It could be something you're supposed to do for someone, a change you need to make in your daily routine, or something that seems too hard for you to handle.

In our day-to-day journey of walking out God's plan for our lives, we have a part and He has a part. We can't do His part, and He won't do ours. But we can be confident that whatever God shows us to do, He will always be faithful to give us the grace, the ability, to do it.

So when we pray, instead of just asking God to fix our problems, we need to pray for Him to show us the truth about the real issue. Jesus said in John 8:31-32, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

It takes courage to pray for truth to be revealed. I believe that facing the truth about ourselves is one of the hardest things we'll ever have to do; however, facing the truth is the key to being set free and moving forward into the life Jesus came to give us.

I remember when I was convinced that all of my problems—my unhappiness, bad temper, dissatisfaction with life—was ALL my husband Dave's fault. He played golf too much, wasn't aggressive enough, watched sports too much, didn't help me around the house enough, and on and on.

One day I was praying



about this and said, "God, You've got to change Dave!" When I finished complaining and let God get my attention, He spoke to my heart and clearly said, "Joyce, the problem is not Dave."

Well, I couldn't even begin to conceive in my wildest imagination that the problem was ME! I was deceived.

So I prayed for God to show me the truth, and for the next three days, God revealed to me what it was like to live with me. I cried for three days.

This experience was painful, and it took time for me to walk out the changes I needed to make, with God's help. But choosing to trust God and obey His leading in my life so He could change my heart and I could do my part in the process was the key to getting my breakthrough. I can honestly say that choosing the pain of change was totally worth it, because today I have a life filled with God's love, peace and joy.

I really want to encourage you to make a determined decision to seek God in prayer and by studying His Word.

Humble yourself and tell Him how much you need Him. Ask Him to help you see the truth that you need to face and show you the wisdom in Scripture that you need to make right choices. He will answer you because Psalm 51:6 (AMP) says, "Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part [of my heart] You will make me know wisdom."

Remember that God doesn't expect you to do it all in your own strength. Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things [which He has called me to do] through Him who strengthens and empowers me [to fulfill His purpose—I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency; I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses me with inner strength and confident peace.]" (AMP).

That is an amazing promise from God! And I can tell you from personal experience that if you will do what God tells you to do, you can have everything God says you can have. Don't waste another day waiting for your breakthrough. It's

time for you to start doing the things God is telling you to do and get your life headed in the right direction. It's time for your breakthrough!

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**JOSEPH CERVANTES JR., DIANA HERNANDEZ, 10801 MONITOR AVE, CHICAGO RIDGE, IL 60415,** according to the Deed dated July 27, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 15648, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 22, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0018O, Use Period Number(s) 17, Phase 1

**JOSEPH CERVANTES JR., DIANA HERNANDEZ, 4238 RAYMOND AVE, BROOKFIELD, IL 60513,** according to the Deed dated July 27, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 15648, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 22, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0018O, Use Period Number(s) 17, Phase 1

**FREDERICK EZEKIEL COLE II, KAREN B CASTLEBERRY, 3532 W ARTHINGTON ST, CHICAGO, IL 60624,** according to the Deed dated June 01, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 13675, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 17, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0372, Use Period Number(s) 10, Phase 3

**MARIA DELAGARZA, KARLTON SAYLES, 4712 SHUMARD DR, KILLEEN, TX 76542,** according to the Deed dated April 21, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 09834, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 08, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0037E, Use Period Number(s) 04, Phase 1

**LARRY E DURBIN, ILEANA DURBIN, 220 RIDGESTONE TRL, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065,** according to the Deed dated July 11, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2015 01531, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 27, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0217O, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 4

**CHONA EDRADAN, PO BOX 531024, ORLANDO, FL 32853,** according to the Deed dated August 20, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 25040, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 24, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0053E, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 1

**DOROTEA L ESPINA, ADOLPH ESPINA IV, 6161 N HOYNE AVE APT 207, CHICAGO, IL 60659,** according to the Deed dated September 18, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 26422, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 05, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0214E, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 4

**MIRIAM ESPINOSA-CONTRERAS, LUIS A R R E D O N D O -MARTINEZ, 3850 W**

**64TH PL, CHICAGO, IL 60629,** according to the Deed dated September 06, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 21456, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 24, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0034E, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 1

**DANNY PELAEZ ESQUIVEL, MARISOL PELAEZ, 8005 S KEDVALE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60652,** according to the Deed dated July 09, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 28638, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 08, 2000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0138, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 2

**DANNY PELAEZ ESQUIVEL, MARISOL PELAEZ, 3845 W 78TH PL, CHICAGO, IL 60652,** according to the Deed dated July 09, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 28638, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 08, 2000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0138, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 2

**RONNY C GOODWIN, KEMI F JOHNSON, 623 VALLEY FORGE DR, NEWPORT NEWS, VA 23602,** according to the Deed dated October 02, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 29580, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 19, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0091, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2

**DOROTHY M GORDON, S PARK BLVD, STREAMWOOD, IL 60107,** according to the Deed dated December 28, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2006 03492, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 09, 2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0374, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 3

**MILDRED C GORT, 9800 GARDEN CT, SCHILLER PARK, IL 60176,** according to the Deed dated January 10, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 02973, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 04, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0399, Use Period Number(s) 52, Phase 6

**MILDRED C GORT, 9800 GARDEN CT, SCHILLER PARK, IL 60176,** according to the Deed dated March 08, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 05150, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 25, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0424, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 7

**DAVID A GREEN, KEVIN B GREEN SR, ESTHER M GORDON, RUTHIE MAE ADAMS, 2413 20TH ST, NORTH CHICAGO, IL 60064,** according to the Deed dated March 30, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 10603, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 19, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0152, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 2

**DAVID A GREEN,**

**KEVIN B GREEN SR, ESTHER M GORDON, RUTHIE MAE ADAMS, 1126 N POPLAR ST, WAUKEGAN, IL 60085,** according to the Deed dated March 30, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 10603, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 19, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0152, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 2

**DAVID A GREEN, ANN DANIEL, 2413 20TH ST, NORTH CHICAGO, IL 60064,** according to the Deed dated January 08, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 01550, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 25, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0402, Use Period Number(s) 09, Phase 6

**TERRANCE L GUALANDI, ANNETTE GUALANDI, PO BOX 174, GRANVILLE, IL 61326,** according to the Deed dated June 27, 2010 and recorded under File No. R2010 14336, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 13, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0396, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 6

**PATRICIA HAMADEH, NAEL HAMADEH, 18043 JOHN CHARLES DR, ORLAND PARK, IL 60467,** according to the Deed dated November 19, 2004 and recorded under File No. R2004 33185, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 08, 2004, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0011, Use Period Number(s) 16, Phase 1

**THOMAS HARPER, ANNA HARPER, 214 BRUSHY CREEK TRL, HUTTO, TX 78634,** according to the Deed dated May 11, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 11951, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 05, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0120E, Use Period Number(s) 04, Phase 2

**EDWARD L HUDSON, 8830 S WALLACE ST, CHICAGO, IL 60620,** according to the Deed dated August 22, 1998 and recorded under File No. R98 21383, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 23, 1998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0018O, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 1

**SCOTT M JOHNSON, STACY L JOHNSON, TYLER PENOVICH, PO BOX 345, SOUTH PEKIN, IL 61564,** according to the Deed dated April 26, 1998 and recorded under File No. R98 23807, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 13, 1998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0015O, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 1

**SCOTT M JOHNSON, STACY L JOHNSON, TYLER PENOVICH, 213 CLARK ST, MORTON, IL 61550,** according to the Deed dated April 26, 1998 and recorded under File No. R98 23807, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 13, 1998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0015O, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 1

**TIMOTHY L JOHNSON, TONYA G WOOD, 2513 MCCORMICK BLVD, EVANSTON, IL 60201,** according to the Deed dated December 02, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2002 01638, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 15, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0154, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 2

**TRENIA JOHNSON, TIKESHA DAVIS, 5341 W CRYSTAL ST, CHICAGO, IL 60651,** according to the Deed dated February 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 04169, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 28, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0088, Use Period Number(s) 16, Phase 2

**TRENIA JOHNSON, TIKESHA DAVIS, 1843 N WHIPPLE STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60647,** according to the Deed dated February 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 04169, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 28, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0088, Use Period Number(s) 16, Phase 2

**RANDOLPH JONES, LINDA M HULEY-JONES, 2662 WOODVIEW CT, WAUKEGAN, IL 60087,** according to the Deed dated December 22, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2012 00640, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 11, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0125O, Use Period Number(s) 07, Phase 2

**LOIS JORDAN, 31 N SCOUT CAMP RD, STOCKTON, IL 61085,** according to the Deed dated April 26, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 16639, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 05, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0120E, Use Period Number(s) 04, Phase 2

**EDWARD L HUDSON, 8830 S WALLACE ST, CHICAGO, IL 60620,** according to the Deed dated August 22, 1998 and recorded under File No. R98 21383, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 23, 1998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0018O, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 1

**SCOTT M JOHNSON, STACY L JOHNSON, TYLER PENOVICH, PO BOX 345, SOUTH PEKIN, IL 61564,** according to the Deed dated April 26, 1998 and recorded under File No. R98 23807, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 13, 1998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0015O, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 1

**SCOTT M JOHNSON, STACY L JOHNSON, TYLER PENOVICH, 213 CLARK ST, MORTON, IL 61550,** according to the Deed dated April 26, 1998 and recorded under File No. R98 23807, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 13, 1998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0015O, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 1

**2960 N LAKE SHORE DR APT 709, CHICAGO, IL 60657,** according to the Deed dated April 09, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 13385, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 28, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0076O, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 1

**GEORGE R LACINA, NANCY M LACINA, 3233 CLARENCE AVE, BERWYN, IL 60402,** according to the Deed dated April 09, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 13385, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 28, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0076O, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 1

**M A T T H E W L A U T E R B A C H, JESSICA SMITH, 2795 AIRPORT RD, MORRIS, IL 60450,** according to the Deed dated November 16, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 26549, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 04, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0046, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 1

**M A T T H E W L A U T E R B A C H, JESSICA SMITH, 26459 DEER PATH, CHANNAHON, IL 60410,** according to the Deed dated November 16, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 26549, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 04, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0046, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 1

**CESAR E LEAL, AMELITA A LEAL, 2319 WILLOW LAKES CT, PLAINFIELD, IL 60586,** according to the Deed dated April 23, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 16633, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 20, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0074, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 1

**THOMAS J MARONEY, JEAN A MARONEY, 11316 S BELL AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60643,** according to the Deed dated August 03, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 18874, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 19, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0393, Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase 6

**K I M B E R L Y M A R S H A L L, REGINALD WILLET, 3845 W 14TH ST, CHICAGO, IL 60623,** according to the Deed dated July 18, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 18271, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 12, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0395, Use Period Number(s) 34, Phase 6

**RONNIE MCDANIEL, CASEY MCDANIEL, 16820 POLLARD AVE, ODESSA, TX 79766,** according to the Deed dated May 13, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 14557, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 07, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0067, Use Period Number(s) 40, Phase 1



# MARKETPLACE

Phase 1  
RUBEN MERAZ, MARIA L. MERAZ, 15507 BRASSIE DR, ORLAND PARK, IL 60462, according to the Deed dated August 02, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 20945, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 16, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0395, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 6  
A L B E R T A MERRIWEATHER, PRISCILLA POWELL, ROBERT J. POWELL JR, 233 W 147TH ST, DIXMOOR, IL 60426, according to the Deed dated September 27, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 37016, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 22, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0207, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 4  
RANDY MILFORD, BECKY MILFORD, 13815 FM 968 W, LONGVIEW, TX 75602, according to the Deed dated November 17, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 27006, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 06, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0398, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 6  
LAWRENCE MULLINS, 20808 ALEXANDER ST, OLYMPIA FIELDS, IL 60461, according to the Deed dated April 10, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 09367, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 03, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0287, Use Period Number(s) 05, Phase 4  
CRAIG J. MUNTWYLER, SUSAN PEREZ-MUNTWYLER, 5615 N 13000E RD, MOMENCE, IL 60954, according to the Deed dated February 07, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 06416, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 09, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0098, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 2  
SAMUEL NAVEJAS, ALYSSA HORD, PO BOX 196, ASHTON, IL 61006, according to the Deed dated May 31, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 14624, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 05, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0036, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 1  
NORMAN L. NEPERMANN, TINA EVON NEPERMANN, 35W501 MILLER RD, DUNDEE, IL 60118, according to the Deed dated August 01, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 23840, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 10, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0089, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 2  
LAURA NIECIAG, GLENN NIECIAG, 598 PICCADILLY LN, BOLINGBROOK, IL 60440, according to the Deed dated November 16, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 23930, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 10, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly

described as Unit No. 00760, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1  
ALBERTO ORTIZ-ORTIZ, YAZMIN ORTIZ, 6490 FAIRWEATHER DR, ANCHORAGE, AK 99518, according to the Deed dated April 07, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 08791, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 26, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0131E, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 2  
ALBERTO ORTIZ-ORTIZ, YAZMIN ORTIZ, 555 COUGAR BLUFF PT UNIT 108, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80906, according to the Deed dated April 07, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 08791, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 26, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0131E, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 2  
SHARONMOVERTON, ERIC D WILSON JR, SHANNA WILSON, 7135 S PERRY AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60621, according to the Deed dated May 22, 2004 and recorded under File No. R2004 15455, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 10, 2004, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0062, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 1  
AMANDA PARSONS, CHARLYN HOHMAN, 7001 LONGFELLOW RANCH RD, ODESSA, TX 79765, according to the Deed dated July 29, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 17489, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 15, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0026O, Use Period Number(s) 04, Phase 1  
AMANDA PARSONS, CHARLYN HOHMAN, 20233RDST, SNYDER, TX 79549, according to the Deed dated July 29, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 17489, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 15, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0026O, Use Period Number(s) 04, Phase 1  
JAYESH PATEL, JAYSHRI J. PATEL, 5 CARNEY CT, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61704, according to the Deed dated May 19, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 12209, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 07, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0374, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 3  
JAYESH PATEL, JAYSHRI J. PATEL, 3044 SHEPARD RD, NORMAL, IL 61761, according to the Deed dated May 19, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 12209, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 07, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0374, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 3  
JESSICA M POLLAND, ROBERT C POLLAND, 200 CLEVIE JAMES RD, BROWNSVILLE, KY 42210, according to the Deed dated June 04, 2004 and recorded under File No. R2004 18101, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 07, 2004, are the owners of the timeshare estate

to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0075E, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 1  
VANESSA PORTIS, 216 BELLWOOD AVE, BELLWOOD, IL 60104, according to the Deed dated May 26, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 18220, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 14, 2000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0075E, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 1  
ALMA ARLENA PRESTON, ETTA M BRISCO, 8263 COOK RD, MERIDIAN, MS 39305, according to the Deed dated September 07, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 24695, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 30, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0390, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 6  
ALMA ARLENA PRESTON, ETTA M BRISCO, 603 S 14TH AVE, MAYWOOD, IL 60153, according to the Deed dated September 07, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 24695, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 30, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0390, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 6  
ALMA ARLENA PRESTON, ETTA M BRISCO, 8263 COOK RD, MERIDIAN, MS 39305, according to the Deed dated September 07, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 24695, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 30, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0378, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 3  
ALMA ARLENA PRESTON, ETTA M BRISCO, 603 S 14TH AVE, MAYWOOD, IL 60153, according to the Deed dated September 07, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 24695, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 30, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0378, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 3  
BRENDA F PROWELL, 1438 W 99TH ST, CHICAGO, IL 60643, according to the Deed dated April 16, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 15131, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 08, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0125E, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 2  
SAKILE L RAMIR, VERNON A SPELLER, 2429 BISSONNET ST, APT 178, HOUSTON, TX 77005, according to the Deed dated February 10, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 04695, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 23, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0128, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2  
FIDEL C RAMIREZ, SUSAN K RAMIREZ, 1426 SAN VICENTE RD, RAMONA, CA 92065, according to the Deed dated July 15, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 21402, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 18, 2000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more

particularly described as Unit No. 0137E, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 2  
GABRIEL REED, ANNETTE REED, 17119 GRANT ST, LANSING, IL 60438, according to the Deed dated August 14, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 30182, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 19, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0074, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 1  
KRISTA REID, R I C H A R D GUTIERREZ, 9426 GARDEN BRIDGE ST, HOUSTON, TX 77075, according to the Deed dated December 19, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2010 00443, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 08, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0137E, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 2  
KENNETH G RITSON, CATHERINE RITSON, 118-460 MAYFAIR AVE, OSHAWA, ON L1G2Y2, according to the Deed dated January 26, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 05226, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 13, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0405, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 6  
KENNETH G RITSON, CATHERINE RITSON, 118-460 MAYFAIR AVE, OSHAWA, ON L1G2Y2, according to the Deed dated January 26, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 05226, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 13, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0071, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 1  
ANDRES RODRIGUEZ, 2141 N LAVERNE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60639, according to the Deed dated July 09, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 18211, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 23, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0064, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 1  
DAVID R SAENZ, LYNNE D SAENZ, 407 SAVOY DR, SHOREWOOD, IL 60404, according to the Deed dated July 21, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 17582, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 08, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0417, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 7  
DAVID R SAENZ, LYNNE D SAENZ, 407 SAVOY DR, SHOREWOOD, IL 60404, according to the Deed dated July 21, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 19185, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 28, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0417, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 7  
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ANNIE J WILSON, DEVON A RYCRAW, 14832 S ELLIS, DOLTON, IL 60419, according to the Deed dated October 15, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2002 02324, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 22, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0139E, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 2

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Its: Attorney-In-Fact  
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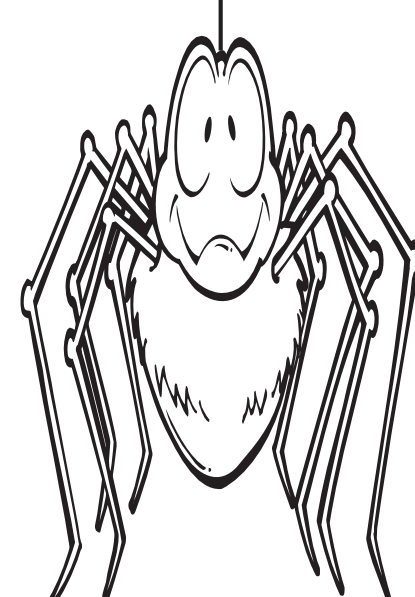
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(Jan. 12, 19 and 26, 2022)

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IN THE )  
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OF )000001  
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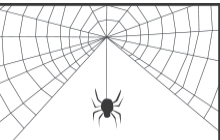
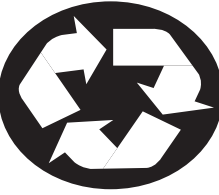
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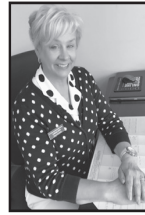
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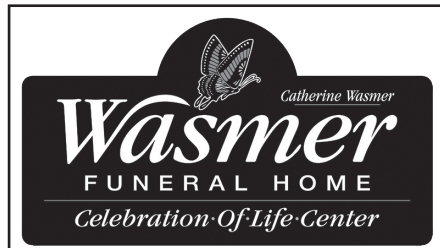
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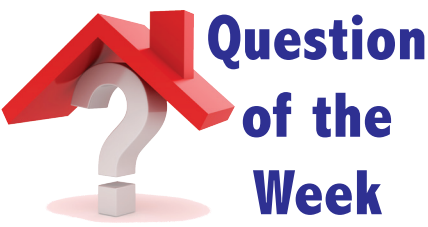
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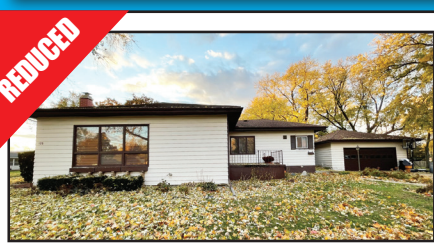
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foyer with one oak stairway to 5 bedrooms on second floor. Original wavy glass in 4 over 4 windows,  
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